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FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH.

I.

IMMOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Chief Festivals.

Christmas, or the Nativity of our Lord -	December 25
The Circumcision of Christ and New Year's Day - - - - - - - - - - -	January 1
The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles - - - - - - - -	January 6
The Festival of the Reformation - - -	October 31

Minor Festivals.

OBSERVED IN SOME PARTS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

St. Andrew the Apostle's Day - - -	November 30
St. Thomas the Apostle's Day - - - -	December 21
St. Stephen the Martyr's Day - - -	December 26
St. John the Apostle's Day - - - -	December 27
The Conversion of St. Paul - - - -	January 25
The Presentation of Christ - - - -	February 2
St. Matthias the Apostle's Day - - -	February 24
The Annunciation - - - - - - -	March 25
St. Philip and St. James the Apostles' Day -	May 1
The Birthday of St. John the Baptist - -	June 24
St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles' Day - -	June 29
The Visitation - - - - - - - - -	July 2
St. James the Elder, the Apostle's Day - -	July 25
St. Bartholomew the Apostle's Day - -	August 24
St. Matthew the Apostle's Day - - -	September 21
St. Michael the Archangel's Day - -	September 29
St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles' Day -	October 28

II.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

RULES.

To Find the Movable Festivals.

The *Movable Festivals* all depend upon *Easter* except *Advent.*

Advent Sunday is always the nearest *Sunday* to the thirtieth day of *November*, whether before or after.

Easter is always the first *Sunday* after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the twenty-first day of *March*; and if the Full Moon happens upon a *Sunday*, *Easter* is the *Sunday* after.

The time of *Easter* being found, the other *Festivals* occur as follows:

Septuagesima Sunday is nine weeks before *Easter*.

Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of *Lent*, is forty-six days before *Easter*.

Palm Sunday, or the beginning of *Holy Week*, is eight days before *Easter*.

Holy Thursday is the *Thursday* before *Easter*.

Good Friday is the *Friday* before *Easter*.

Ascension Day is forty days after *Easter*.

Whitsunday is seven weeks after *Easter*.

Trinity Sunday is eight weeks after *Easter*.

A TABLE OF THE DAYS ON WHICH EASTER WILL FALL FROM 1892-2003.

1892.	April 17	1920.	April 4	1948.	March 28	1976.	April 18
1893.	" 2	1921.	March 27	1949.	April 17	1977.	" 10
1894.	March 25	1922.	April 16	1950.	" 9	1978.	March 26
1895.	April 14	1923.	" 1	1951.	March 25	1979.	April 15
1896.	" 5	1924.	" 20	1952.	April 13	1980.	" 6
1897.	" 18	1925.	" 12	1953.	" 5	1981.	" 19
1898.	" 10	1926.	" 4	1954.	" 18	1982.	" 11
1899.	" 2	1927.	" 17	1955.	" 10	1983.	" 3
1900.	" 15	1928.	" 8	1956.	" 1	1984.	" 22
1901.	" 7	1929.	March 31	1957.	" 21	1985.	" 7
1902.	March 30	1930.	April 20	1958.	" 6	1986.	March 30
1903.	April 12	1931.	" 5	1959.	March 29	1987.	April 19
1904.	" 3	1932.	March 27	1960.	April 17	1988.	" 3
1905.	" 23	1933.	April 16	1961.	" 2	1989.	March 26
1906.	" 15	1934.	" 1	1962.	" 22	1990.	April 15
1907.	March 31	1935.	" 21	1963.	" 14	1991.	March 31
1908.	April 19	1936.	" 12	1964.	March 29	1992.	April 19
1909.	" 11	1937.	March 28	1965.	April 18	1993.	" 11
1910.	March 27	1938.	April 17	1966.	" 10	1994.	" 3
1911.	April 16	1939.	" 9	1967.	March 26	1995.	" 16
1912.	" 7	1940.	March 24	1968.	April 14	1996.	" 7
1913.	March 23	1941.	April 13	1969.	" 6	1997.	March 30
1914.	April 12	1942.	" 5	1970.	March 29	1998.	April 12
1915.	" 4	1943.	" 25	1971.	April 11	1999.	" 4
1916.	" 23	1944.	" 9	1972.	" 2	2000.	" 23
1917.	" 8	1945.	" 1	1973.	" 22	2001.	" 15
1918.	March 31	1946.	" 21	1974.	" 14	2002.	March 31
1919.	April 20	1947.	" 6	1975.	March 30	2003.	April 20

A Table of the Movable Festivals,
According to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon.

Easter.	Sundays after Epiph.*	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Ascension Day	Whitsunday.	Sun's after Trin.	First Advent Sunday.
Mar. 22	1	Jan. 18	Feb. 4	April 30	May 10	27	Nov. 29
" 23	1	" 19	" 5	May 1	" 11	27	" 30
" 24	1	" 20	" 6	" 2	" 12	27	Dec. 1
" 25	2	" 21	" 7	" 3	" 13	27	" 2
" 26	2	" 22	" 8	" 4	" 14	27	" 3
" 27	2	" 23	" 9	" 5	" 15	26	Nov. 27
" 28	2	" 24	" 10	" 6	" 16	26	" 28
" 29	2	" 25	" 11	" 7	" 17	26	" 29
" 30	2	" 26	" 12	" 8	" 18	26	" 30
" 31	2	" 27	" 13	" 9	" 19	26	Dec. 1
April 1	3	" 28	" 14	" 10	" 20	26	" 2
" 2	3	" 29	" 15	" 11	" 21	26	" 3
" 3	3	" 30	" 16	" 12	" 22	25	Nov. 27
" 4	3	" 31	" 17	" 13	" 23	25	" 28
" 5	3	Feb. 1	" 18	" 14	" 24	25	" 29
" 6	3	" 2	" 19	" 15	" 25	25	" 30
" 7	3	" 3	" 20	" 16	" 26	25	Dec. 1
" 8	4	" 4	" 21	" 17	" 27	25	" 2
" 9	4	" 5	" 22	" 18	" 28	25	" 3
" 10	4	" 6	" 23	" 19	" 29	24	Nov. 27
" 11	4	" 7	" 24	" 20	" 30	24	" 28
" 12	4	" 8	" 25	" 21	" 31	24	" 29
" 13	4	" 9	" 26	" 22	June 1	24	" 30
" 14	4	" 10	" 27	" 23	" 2	24	Dec. 1
" 15	5	" 11	" 28	" 24	" 3	24	" 2
" 16	5	" 12	Mar. 1	" 25	" 4	24	" 3
" 17	5	" 13	" 2	" 26	" 5	23	Nov. 27
" 18	5	" 14	" 3	" 27	" 6	23	" 28
" 19	5	" 15	" 4	" 28	" 7	23	" 29
" 20	5	" 16	" 5	" 29	" 8	23	" 30
" 21	5	" 17	" 6	" 30	" 9	23	Dec. 1
" 22	6	" 18	" 7	" 31	" 10	23	" 2
" 23	6	" 19	" 8	June 1	" 11	23	" 3
" 24	6	" 20	" 9	" 2	" 12	22	Nov, 27
" 25	6	" 21	" 10	" 3	" 13	22	" 28

*In a Leap Year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had fallen one day later than it really does; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash Wednesday fall one day later than that given in the Table, unless the Table gives some day in March for Ash Wednesday: for in that case the day in the Table is right

Table of the Epistles and Gospels.

For the Sundays and Festivals of the Church-Year.

Sundays and Chief Festivals.	Epistles.	Gospels.
Sundays in Advent		
1	Rom'ns-xiii 11-14	Matthew—xx, 1-9
2	xv 4-13	Luke—xxi, 25-36
3	1 Corinh's-iv 1-5	Matthew—xi, 2 10
4	Philipians-iv 4-7	John—i, 19-28
Christmas Day.	Tit. ii. 11-14; Isa ix 2-7	Luke—ii, 1-14
2	Tit. iii 4-7	ii, 15-20
S. after Christmas,	Galatians—iv 1-7	ii, 33-40
New Year's Day,	iii 23-29	ii, 21
S. after New Year	1 Peter—iv 12-19	Matthew—ii, 13-23
Epiphany,	Isaiah—lx 1-6	ii, 1-12
S. after Epiphany,		
1	Romans—xii 1-5	Luke—ii, 41 52
2	xii 6-16 *a*	John—ii, 1-11
3	xii 16-21 *b*	Matthew-viii, 1-13
4	xiii 8-10	viii, 23-27
5	Coloss'ns iii 12-17	xiii, 24 30
6	2 Peter—i 16-21	xvii, 1-9
Septuagesima,	1 Corin's ix 24 x 5	xx, 1-16
Sexagesima.	2—xi 19 xii 9	Luke—viii, 4 15
Quinquagesima.	1—xiii 1-14	xviii, 31-43
Ash Wednesday.	Joel—ii 12-19	Matthew-vi, 16-21
Sundays in Lent,		
1 *Invocavit,*	2 Corin's—vi 1-10	iv, 1-11
2 *Reminiscere,*	1 Thessa's-iv 1-7	xv, 21-28
3 *Oculi,*	Ephesians—v 1-9	Luke—xi, 14-28
4 *Laetare,*	Galatia's-iv 21-31	John—vi, 1-15
5 *Judica,*	Hebrews-ix 11-15	viii, 46-59
6 *Palmarum,*	Philipp'ns-ii 5-11	Matthew—xxi, 1-9
Holy Week, Mon.	Isaiah—i 5-10	John—xii, 1-23
Tuesday,	Jeremiah xi 18-20	xii, 24-43
Wednesday,	Isaiah lxii 11: lxiii 1-7	Luke xxii, l. xxiii 42
Thursday,	1 Corin's-xi 21-32	John—xiii, 1-15
Good Friday,	Isaiah-iii 13 liii 12	John xviii, l xix, 42
Easter Sunday,	1 Corin's—v 6-8	Mark—xvi, 1-8
Monday.	Acts—x 34 41	Luke—xxiv, 13-35
Ss after Easter.		
1 *Quasimod,*	1 John—v 4-12	John—xx, 19-31
2 *Misericord.*	1 Peter—ii 21-25	x, 11-16

a End: "men of low estate."

b Begin: "Be not wise in your own conceits."

SUNDAYS AND CHIEF FESTIVALS.	EPISTLES.	GOSPELS.
3 *Jubilate*,	ii 11-20	xvi 16 23 *c*
4 *Cantate*,	James—i 16-21	xvi 5-15
5 *Rogate*,	i 22-27	xvi 23-30 *d*
Ascension,	Acts—i 1-11	Mark—xvi 14-20
S. after Ascension,	1 Peter—iv 7-11 *e*	John-xv 26 xvi 4
Whitsunday,	Acts—ii 1-13	xiv 23-31
Monday,	x 42-48 *f*	iii 16-21
Trinity Sunday,	Romans-xi 33-36	iii 1-15
Ss. after Trinity,		
1	1 John—iv 16-21 *g*	Luke—xvi 19-31
2	1 John—iii 13 18	xiv 16-24
3	1 Peter—v 6-11	xv 1-10
4	Rom.—viii 18-23	vi 36-42
5	1 Peter—iii 8-15 *h*	v 1-11
6	Romans—vi 3-11	Matthew-v 20-26
7	vi 19-23	Mark—viii 1-9
8	viii 12-17	Matth.—vii 15-23
9	1 Cor.—x 6-13	Luke—xvi 1-9
10	xii 1-11	xix 41-48
11	xv 1-10	xviii 9-14
12	2—iii 4-11	Mark—vii 31-37
13	Galat'ns iii 15-22	Luke—x 23-37
14	v 16-24	xvii 11-19
15	v 25, vi 10	Matth.—vi 24-34
16	Eph.—iii 13-21	Luke—vii 11-17
17	iv 1-6	xiv 1-11
18	1 Cor.—i 4-9	Matth. xxii 34-46
19	Eph.—iv 22-28	ix 1-8
20	v 15-21	xxii 1-14
21	vi 10-17	John—iv 46-54 *i*
22	Philipp'ns i 3-11	Math. xviii 23-35
23	iii 17 21	xxii 15-22
24	Collos.—i 9-14	ix 18-26
25	1 Thes.—iv 13-18	xxiv 15-28
26	2 Peter iii 3-14 or 2 Thess.—i 3-10	xxv 31-46
27	1 Thess.—v 1 11	xxv 1-13

c End: "ask me nothing." *f* End: "name of the Lord."
d Begin: "Verily, verily, I" *g* Begin: "God is love."
e " "Be ye therefore" *h* End: "in your hearts."
i Begin: "And there was a certain nobleman."

Apostles' days and other Minor Festivals.

Observed in some parts of the Lutheran Church.

Minor Festival Days.	Epistles,	Gospels.
St. Andrew the Apostle,—	Rom.—x 10-18	Matth. iv 18-22
St. Thomas the Apostle,—	Ephes.——i 3-6	John—xx 24-31
St. Stephen the Martyr,-	Acts-vi 8 vii 60	Mat.xxiii 34-39
St. John the Apostle,——	1 John—i 1-10	John-xxi 19-24
The Conversion of St. Paul	Acts——ix 1-22	Matt. xix 27-30
The Presentation of Christ	Malachi-iii 1-4	Luke—ii 22 32
St. Matthias the Apostle,-	Acts——i 15-26	Matt.—xi 25-30
The Annunciation,——	Isaiah vii 10-16	Luke——i 26-38
St. Philip & St. James, Apostles,	Ephes.-ii 19-22	John—xiv 1-14
St. John the Baptist,——	Isaiah—xi 1-5	Luke——i 57-80
St. Peter & St. Paul, Apos.	Acts—xii 1-11	Matt. xvi 13-20
The Visitation,———	Isaiah—xl 1-5	Luke——i 39-56
St. James the Elder, Apos.	Rom. viii 28-39	Matt.- xx 20-33
St. Bartholomew, Apostle	2 Cor.—iv 7-10	Luke xxii 24-30
St, Matthew the Apostle,-	Ephes.—iv 7-14	Matth.—ix 9-13
St. Michael the Archangel	Rev.—xii 7-12	——xviii 1-11
St. Simon & St. Jude, Apos	1 Peter——i 3-9	John—xv 17-21

Table of Scripture Lessons for the Sundays and Festivals of the Church-Year.

Sundays and Festivals.	From the New Testament.	
	From Gospels.	*From Epistles.*
Sundays in Advent.		
1	Luke i 1-25	Col. i 16-23
2	— i 26-35	Rom. i 16-25
3	— i 39-56	— ii 1-12
4	— i 67-80	Heb. xii 15-25
Christmas Day,	John i 1-14	— i 1-12
2	— i 15-18	1 John iv 7 16
S. after Christmas,	Luke ii 22-32	Heb. iii 1-6
New Year's Eve,	Matt. xvi 1-12	1 Peter i 22-25
New Year's Day,	Luke iv 16-21	— ii 1-10
S. after New Year,	Matt. iii 1-12	Rom. vii 7-25
Epiphany,	— iii 13-17	— iii 23-31
Sundays after Epiphany,		
1	John i 35-51	Ephes. ii 11-22
2	— iii 22-36	Rom. iv 16-25
3	Matt. iv 12-17	— v 1-5
4	John iv 4-24	— viii 1-11
5	— iv 25-42	1 Cor. ii 1-10
6	Matt. xi 25-30	James iii 13-18
Septuagesima,	— xvi 13-20	2 Cor. viii 1-9
Sexagesima,	— xvii 1-9	Rom. xiv 13-19
Quinquagesima,	John viii 12-20	— x 8-18
Sundays in Lent.		
1 *Invocavit.*	— viii 23 40	Heb. xii 1-6
2 *Reminiscere,*	— ix 1-22	Rom. viii 28-39
3 *Oculi.*	— x 23 38	2 Cor. iv 7-14
4 *Laetare,*	— xi 1-27	— v 14-21
5 *Judica.*	— xi 28-57	1 Peter i 13-21
6 *Palmarum,*	— xii 1-19	Heb. x 19-27
Thursday before Easter,	Luke xxii 7-23	1 Cor. x 16-22
Good Friday,	Mat. xxvii 33-54	Rev. v 1-14
Easter Sunday,	Mat. xxviii 1-10	1 Cor. xv 12-28
——*Monday.*	John xx 11-18	— xv 35-49
Sundays after Easter.		
1 *Quasimod.,*	Luke xxiv 36-47	— xv 50-58
2 *Misericord.,*	John xxi 1-19	1 John i 1-7
3 *Jubilate,*	— xvii 1-8	— ii 12-17
4 *Cantate,*	— xvii 9-19	— iii 1-11
5 *Rogate,*	— xvii 20-26	— v 12-21

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH-YEAR—*Continued.*

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.	
	Historical Books.	*Poetical Books.*
Sundays in Advent.		
1———————	Gen. iii, 1-15.	Ps. xl.
2———————	Jer. xxxi.31-36.	Prov. viii. 22-31.
3———————	Isa lv. 3-13.	Isa. xl. 1-9.
4———————	Ps. c.	Ps. xxiv.
Christmas Day.	Isa. ix, 2-7.	Micah v. 2-4.
2———————	——— xi. 1-5.	Ps. cxlviii.
S. after Christmas.	——— xii. 1-6.	——— ii.
New Year's Eve.	Ps. xc.	——— cxxxix.
New Year's Day.	——— cxi.	Isa. xl. 26-31.
S. after New Year.	Gen. xi. 1-9.	1 Sam. ii. 1-10.
Epiphany.	-xii. 1-4-xiii. 5-11.	Isa. ii. 1-5.
Sundays after Epiphany.		
1———————	——— xiv. 8-20.	Deut. xviii.15-19.
2———————	——— xv. 1-17.	Isa. lxi. 1-6.
3———————	———xviii. 20-33.	Amos iii. 1-8.
4———————	——— xxii. 1-9.	Micah vi. 1-8.
5———————	———xxiv. 34-51.	——— vii. 14-20.
6———————	———xxviii.10-22.	Haggai ii. 1-9.
Septaugesima,	——— xi. 28-43.	Mal. ii. 4-10.
Sexagesima,	——— xlix. 1-33.	Amos viii. 1-14.
Quinquagesima,	——— l. 15-22.	Hab. ii. 1-14.
Sundays in Lent.		
1 *Invocavit,*	Exod. i. 3-22.	Isa. l. 4-10.
2 *Reminiscere,*	——— ii. 1-10.	Ps. li.
3 *Oculi,*	——— ii. 11-15.	——— xxii.
4 *Laetare,*	——— iii. 1-14.	Isa. lxiv. 1-12.
5 *Judica,*	——— v. 1-21.	Job xxxiii. 13-30.
6 *Palmarum,*	———v. 22—vi. 9.	Zech. ix. 8-12.
Thursd'y bef. Easter.	Ps. xxiii.	Ps. xxv.
Good Friday,	Exod. xii. 1-14.	Isa. lii. 13—liii.12.
Easter Sunday,	Job. xix. 22-27.	——— xxv. 1-8.
———*Monday,*	Ps. cxviii. 14-29.	Eze.xxxviii,1-14.
Sundays aft. Easter.		
1 *Quasimod.,*	Exod. xv. 1-21.	Isa. iv. 2-6.
2 *Misericord.,*	——— xv. 22-26.	Eze. xxxiv.11-16.
3 *Jubilate.*	——— xvi. 1-15.	Hosea ii. 18-23.
4 *Cantate.*	——— xvii. 1-16.	Isa. xlix. 8-15.
5 *Rogate,*	Ps. cxvi.	Ps. lxxxvi.

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH-YEAR—*Continued.*

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.			
	From Gospels.		*From Epistles.*	
Ascension,	Luke	xxiv.44-53.	Eph.	iv. 7-16.
S. after Ascension,	John	xiv. 1-14.	Acts	i. 12-26.
Whitsunday,	——	xiv. 15-21.	——	ii. 14-21.
Monday,	——	xv. 1-8.	Rom.	x. 11-17.
Trinity Sunday,	Mat.	xxviii.18-20.	Eph.	i. 3-14.
Sundays aft. Trinity.				
1	——	v. 1-12.	Acts	ii. 42-47.
2	——	v. 13-19.	——	iii. 1-10.
3	——	v. 27-42.	——	iii. 11-26.
4	——	v. 43-48.	——	iv. 1-22.
5	——	vi. 1-15.	——	iv. 23-31.
6	——	vi. 16-23.	——	iv.32—v.11.
7	——	vii. 1-14.	——	v. 12-42.
8	——	vii. 24-29.	——	vi. 1-7.
9	John	v. 19-29.	——	vii. 51-60.
10	——	v. 30-36.	——	viii. 9-25.
11	——	v. 37-47.	——	viii. 26-39.
12	——	vi. 30-51.	——	ix. 1-22.
13	Mark	iv. 26-34.	——	x.21—xi.13.
14	Luke	xii. 32-38.	——	xiv. 1-20.
15	——	xiii. 1-9.	——	xvi. 13-40.
16	Matt.	xiii. 44-52.	——	xvii. 15-34.
17	Luke	xv. 11-32.	——	xviii. 1-11.
18	Mark	x. 1-12.	——	xix. 1-11.
19	Matt.	xv. 1-11.	——	xx. 17-38.
20	——	xx. 16-26.	——	xxiv. 10-27.
21	——	xxi. 33-44.	——	xxvi. 1-29.
22	John	xv. 18-25.	——	xxviii.1-31.
23	Mark	xii. 18-27.	Rev.	ii. 1-11.
24	——	xiii. 1-13.	——	iii. 1-22.
25	Luke	xvii. 20-37.	——	vii. 9-17.
26	Matt.	xxv. 14-30.	——	xx. 11-15.
27	Luke	xiii. 23-30.	——	xxii. 6-21.
Harvest Festival.	——	xii. 13-21.	1 Tim.	vi. 6-10.
Reformation,	John	ii. 13-17.	Gal.	ii. 16-21.
Thanksgiving,	Ps.	cxlvi.	Ps.	cxlv.
Humiliation,	——	cxliii.	——	cxxx.

TABLE OF SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH-YEAR—*Continued.*

SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.	
	Historical Books.	*Poetical Books.*
Ascension,	Gen. v. 21-24.	Ps. cx.
S. after Ascension,	Exod. xix. 3-8.	Isa. xxxii. 14-20.
Whitsunday,	Joel ii. 21-27.	Joel ii. 28-32.
Monday,	Ps. cxxii.	Eze. xxxvi. 25-28.
Trinity Sunday,	Num. vi. 22-27.	Isa. vi. 1-8.
Sundays aft. Trinity.		
1	Ex'd. xxxiv. 1-10.	Ps. lxii.
2	Num. xxi. 4-9.	Job xxxvi. 26—xxxvii. 13.
3	—— xxiii. 7,12.	Eze. xviii. 20-24.
4	Josh. xxiv. 14-28.	Ps. ciii.
5	Jud. ii. 1-12.	Lam. iii. 22-40.
6	Ruth i. 1-17.	Ps. xci.
7	1 Sam. iii. 1-18.	Eccles. iii. 1-17.
8	—— x. 17-27.	Ps. cxix. 105-112.
9	—— xv. 16-23.	—— liii.
10	—— xxiv. 2-22.	Jer. viii. 4-9.
11	2 Sam. vii. 1-16.	Eze. xiii. 9-16.
12	—— vii. 17-29.	Prov. ix. 1-18.
13	—— xii. 1-10.	Job xxxviii. 1-11.
14	—— xiii. 1-7.	Prov. iii. 1-16.
15	1 Kings iii. 5-15.	Deut. vi. 4-13.
16	2 Chr. vii. 12-22.	Jer. xvii. 5-10.
17	—— xiii. 3-18.	Lev. xix. 9-18.
18	1K'gs xviii. 21-40.	Deut. xxi. 18-21.
19	—— xix. 4-18.	——xxiv. 17-22.
20	2 Kings v. 1-14.	Prov. vi. 6-11.
21	Jonah iii. 1-iv. 11.	——xxiii. 19-35.
22	2 Chr. xxxii. 1-21.	——xxiv. 13-22.
23	—— xxxiv. 14-28.	Ec. xi. 9—xii. 14.
24	—— xxxvi. 11-21.	Prov. xxx. 1-14.
25	Dan. ii. 31-48.	Mal. iii. 13—iv. 6.
26	Ezra iii. 10-13.	D'ut. xxxii. 21-43.
27	Mal. iii. 1-5.	Ps. xcii.
Harvest Festival,	Deut. xxvi. 1-11.	—— lxv.
Reformation,	2 Ch. xxxiv. 29-33.	—— xlvi.
Thanksgiving,	Ps. xcv. 1-8.	—— lxxviii.
Humiliation.	—— lxxxv.	Isa. i. 16-18.

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The Lessons appointed for days between the *Fourth Sunday in Advent* and the *First Sunday after Epiphany*, are to be omitted when the days for which they are appointed do not occur.

When there are not Six *Sundays after Epiphany*, the Lessons for the week after the *First Sunday* may be omitted one year; and these which follow another *Sunday*, the second year; and so on: in order that in the course of several years all the Lessons provided may be read.

The Lessons appointed for the days from the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* to the end of the year are to be read in every year, and those appointed for the weeks before the *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity* are to be omitted so far as is necessary to this end.

Days.	Morning.	Evening.
First Sunday in Advent.		
Monday....	Matthew xi. 25-30.	Genesis iii. 1-24.
Tuesday...	Acts iii. 22-26.	Genesis ix. 1-19.
Wednesday	Colossians 1. 15-29.	Genesis xxii. 1-19.
Thursday..	Hebrews i. 1-4.	Genesis xlix. 1-28.
Friday.....	Hebrews ii. 1-4.	Numbers xxiv. 14-25
Saturday...	Ephesians iii. 1-12.	Deut. xviii. 15-19.
Second Sun. in Advent.		
Monday....	Acts xvii. 16-34.	1 Chronicles xvii.1-27.
Tuesday...	1 John iv. 9-16.	2 Chronicles vii. 11-22.
Wednesday	Colossians i. 1-8.	Isaiah xi 1-10.
Thursday..	Philipp'ns ii.12-18.	Jeremiah xxiii. 2-8.
Friday	Philip'ns iii.12-16.	Jeremiah xxx. 1-22.
Saturday...	Colossians iii.1-11.	Jeremiah xxxiii.14-26.
Third Sund'y in Advent.		
Monday....	Hebrews x. 35-39.	Isaiah ii. 1-5.
Tuesday...	Luke xxi. 5-24.	Isaiah xxiv. 21-xxv.5.
Wednesday	Luke xii. 35-59.	Isaiah xxv. 6-10.
Thursday..	James v. 7-11.	Isaiah xxvi. 1-21.
Friday.....	Luke i. 1-25.	Isaiah li. 1-16.
Saturday...	Luke i. 26-38.	Isaiah lii. 1-12.

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Fourth Sun. in Advent.				
Monday....	Matthew	i. 18-25.	Isaiah	xl. 1-11.
Tuesday...	Luke	i. 39-45.	Malachi	iii. 1-7.
Wednesday	Luke	i. 46-56.	Malachi	iv. 1-6.
Thursday..	Luke	i. 57-66.	Isaiah	xxviii. 14-19.
Friday.....	Luke	i. 67-80.	Isaiah	vii. 1-17.
Saturday...	Matthew	i. 1-17.	Micah	v. 1-15.
Christmas.				
Dec. 27.....	John	i. 15-18.	Micah	iv. 1-8.
Dec. 28.....	Luke	ii. 15-20.	Isaiah	xxxii. 1-8.
Dec. 29.....	Luke	ii. 22-24.	Isaiah	xlvi. 3-13.
Dec. 30.....	Luke	ii. 25-32.	Isaiah	xlix. 1-13.
Dec. 31.....	Matthew	ii. 13-15.	Isaiah	lv. 1-13.
Jan. 2.....	Matthew	ii. 16-18.	Isaiah	xlii. 1-9.
Jan. 3.....	Matthew	ii. 19-23.	Isaiah	lxi. 1-11.
Jan. 4.....	Matthew	iii. 1-12.	Isaiah	lvi. 1-8.
Jan. 5.....	Luke	iii. 1-9.	Isaiah	xii. 1-6.
Epiphany.				
Monday....	Luke	iii. 10-14.	Genesis	i. 1-31.
Tuesday...	Luke	iii. 15-20	Genesis	ii. 1-25.
Wednesday	Mark	i. 1-8.	Genesis	iv. 1-26.
Thursday..	Mark	i. 9-11.	Genesis	v. 1-32.
Friday.....	Luke	iii. 21, 22	Genesis	vi. 9-22.
Saturday...	Luke	iii. 23-28.	Genesis	vii. 1-24.
1 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*				
Monday ...	John	i. 29-34.	Genesis	viii. 1-22.
Tuesday ...	John	i. 35-42.	Genesis	xi. 1-9.
Wednesday	John	i. 43-51.	Genesis	xii. 1-20.
Thursday..	Luke	iv. 1-13.	Genesis	xiii. 1-18.
Friday	Mark	i. 12-15.	Genesis	xiv. 8-24.
Saturday...	Matthew	iv. 12-17.	Genesis	xv. 1-21.
2 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*				
Monday....	Matthew	iv. 18-25.	Genesis	xvii. 1-22.
Tuesday ...	Matthew	v. 1-19.	Genesis	xviii. 1-33.
Wednesday	Matthew	v. 27-48.	Genesis	xix. 1-29.
Thursday..	Matthew	vi. 1-23.	Genesis	xxi. 1-8.
Friday.....	Matthew	vii. 1-14.	Genesis	xxiv. 1-28.
Saturday...	Matthew	vii.24-29.	Genesis	xxiv. 29-67.

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3 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*		
Monday....	Matt. viii. 14-22.	Genesis xxv. 19-34.
Tuesday...	Matt. viii. 28-34.	Genesis xxvii. 1-45.
Wednesday	Matthew ix. 9-17.	Gn. xxvii. 46-xxviii. 22.
Thursday..	Matthew ix. 27-38.	Genesis xxix. 1-20.
Friday.....	Matthew x. 1-16.	Genesis xxxi. 1-18.
Saturday...	Matthew x. 17-xi. 1.	Genesis xxxii. 3-32.
4 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*		
Monday....	Matthew xi. 11-24.	Genesis xxxiii. 1-20.
Tuesday...	Matthew xii. 1-21.	Genesis xxxv. 1-21.
Wednesday	Matthew xii. 22-50.	Genesis xxxvii. 1-36.
Thursday..	Matthew xiii. 1-23.	Genesis xxxix. 1-23.
Friday	Matthew xiv. 1-36.	Genesis xl. 1-23.
Saturday...	Matthew xv. 1-20.	Genesis xli. 1-37.
5 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*		
Monday....	Matthew xv. 29-39.	Genesis xli. 38-57.
Tuesday...	Matthew xvi. 1-12.	Genesis xlii. 1-38.
Wednesday	Matt. xvi. 21-28.	Genesis xliii. 1-34.
Thursday..	Matt. xvii. 9-27.	Genesis xliv. 1-34.
Friday.....	Matthew xix. 1-15.	Genesis xlv. 1-28.
Saturday...	Matthew xx. 1-34.	Genesis xlvi. 1-34.
6 *Sunday aft. Epiphany.*		
Monday....	Matt. xxi. 10-46.	Genesis xlvii. 1-31.
Tuesday...	Matt. xxiii. 1-39.	Genesis xlviii. 1-22.
Wednesday	Mark i. 16-45.	Exodus i. 1-22.
Thursday..	Mark ii. 1-28.	Exodus ii. 1-25.
Friday.....	Mark iii. 1-35.	Exodus iii. 1-22.
Saturday...	Mark v. 1-20.	Exodus iv. 1-31.
Septu'gesima Sunday.		
Monday ...	Mark v. 21-43.	Exodus v. 1-23.
Tuesday ...	Mark vi. 1-29.	Exodus vi. 1-13.
Wednesday	Mark vi. 30-56.	Exodus xi. 1-10.
Thursday..	Mark vii. 1-30.	Exodus xii. 1-28.
Friday.....	Mark viii. 10-ix. 1.	Exodus xii. 29-42.
Saturday...	Mark ix. 2-32.	Exodus xiii. 1-22.

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Sexagesima Sunday.				
Monday....	Mark	x. 1-31.	Exodus	xiv. 1-31.
Tuesday...	Mark	x. 32-52.	Exodus	xv. 1-21.
Wednesday	Mark	xi. 1-33.	Exodus	xv.22.xvi.36.
Thursday..	Mark	xii. 13-44.	Exodus	xvii. 1-16.
Friday.....	Luke	iv. 14-44.	Exodus	xix. 1-25.
Saturday...	Luke	v. 12-39.	Exodus	xx. 1-23.
Quinquagesima Sunday.				
Monday....	Luke	vi. 1-35.	Exodus	xxiv.1-xxv.9.
Tuesday...	Luke	vi. 43-49.	Ex.	xxxi. 18-xxxii.35.
Wednesday	Luke	vii. 1-10.	Exodus	xxxiii. 1-23.
Thursday..	Luke	vii.18-viii.3.	Exodus	xxxiv. 1-10.
Friday	Luke	viii. 16-56.	Exodus	xxxiv. 27-35.
Saturday...	Luke	ix. 1-27.	Exodus	xl. 1-38.
First Sunday in Lent.				
Monday....	Luke	ix. 28-62.	Numbers	iii. 5-13.
Tuesday...	Luke	x. 1-22.	Numbers	x. 11-36.
Wednesday	Luke	x. 38-xi.13.	Numbers	xi. 1-35.
Thursday..	Luke	xi. 29-36.	Numbers	xii. 1-15.
Friday.....	Luke	xi. 37-54.	Numbers	xiii. 1-25.
Saturday...	Luke	xii. 1-34.	Numbers	xiii. 26-33.
Second Sun. in Lent.				
Monday....	Luke	xiii. 1-17.	Numbers	xiv. 1-45.
Tuesday...	Luke	xiv. 25-35.	Numbers	xvi. 1-22.
Wednesday	Luke	xv. 11-32.	Numbers	xvi. 23-50.
Thursday..	Luke	xvi. 10-18.	Numbers	xvii. 1-13.
Friday.....	Luke	xvii. 1-10.	Numbers	xx. 1-29.
Saturday...	Luke	xviii. 1-8.	Numbers	xxi.1-xxii.1.
Third Sun. in Lent.				
Monday ...	Luke	xviii. 15-30.	Numbers	xxii. 2-41.
Tuesday...	Luke	xix. 1-40.	Numbers	xxiii. 1-30.
Wednesday	Luke	xx. 1-xxi.4	Numbers	xxiv. 1-13.
Thursday..	Lke	xxi.37-xxii.38.	Numbers	xxvii. 12-23.
Friday.....	Luke	xxii. 39-71.	Deuteronomy	v. 1-33.
Saturday...	Luke	xxiii.1-25.	Deut.	viii.1-20.

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Fourth Sun. in Lent.				
Monday....	Luke	xxiii. 26-56.	Deuteronomy	ix.1-29.
Tuesday...	Matt.	xxvi.1-35.	Deuteronomy	x.1-22.
Wednesday	Matt.	xxvi. 36-75.	Deuteronomy	xi.1-32.
Thursday..	Matt.	xxvii.1-38.	Deut.	xxviii. 1-14.
Friday.....	Matt.	xxvii.39-66.	Deut.	xxviii. 15-68.
Saturday...	Mark	xiv. 1-31.	Deut.	xxxiv. 1-12.
Fifth Sun. in Lent.				
Monday....	Mark	xiv. 32-72.	Jeremiah	ii. 1-19.
Tuesday...	Mark	xv. 1-19.	Hosea	xlii. 9-14.
Wednesday	Mark	xv. 20-47.	Zephaniah	lii. 1-8.
Thursday..	John	xii. 1-19.	Micah	iii. 9-12.
Friday.....	John	xii. 20-50.	Isaiah	lxvi. 1-9.
Saturday...	John	xiii. 16-38.	Zechariah	ix. 1-17.
Palm Sun.				
Monday ...	John	xviii. 1-18.	Jeremiah	vii. 1-15.
Tuesday...	John	xviii. 19-40.	Isaiah	l. 4-11.
Wednesday	John	xix. 1-12.	Jeremiah	xi. 18-23.
Thursday..	John	xix. 13-24.	Zechariah	iii. 1-10.
Good Frid'y	John	xix. 25-37.	Lam.	ii. 8-15.
Saturday...	John	xix. 38-42.	Isaiah	lii. 13-15.
Easter.				
Monday....				
Tuesday ...	Matt.	xxviii.1-15.	Ezekiel	xxi. 25-27.
Wednesday	John	xx. 1-18.	Haggai	ii. 20-23.
Thursday..	Luke	xxiv. 1-12.	Zechariah	vi. 9-15.
Friday.....	Luke	xxiv. 36-49.	Ezekiel	xvii. 22-24.
Saturday...	Mark	xvi. 9-14.	Isaiah	xliv. 21-28.
First Sun. aft. Easter.				
Monday....	John	xxi. 1-25.	Jonah	i. 1-16.
Tuesday....	John	ii. 12-25.	Jonah	i. 17-ii. 10.
Wednesday	John	iii. 22-36.	Jonah	iii. 1-10.
Thursday..	John	iv. 1-27.	Jonah	iv. 1-11.
Friday	John	iv. 28-38.	Isaiah	xxxiii. 2-6.
Saturday...	John	iv. 39-45.	Isaiah	xlii. 10-17.

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Second Sun. aft. Easter.				
Monday....	John	v. 1-17.	Micah	ii. 12, 13.
Tuesday...	John	v. 18-30.	Isaiah	xxx. 19-26.
Wednesday	John	v. 31-47.	Jeremiah	iii. 11-19.
Thursday..	John	vi. 16-29.	Ezekiel	xxxiv. 1-11.
Friday.....	John	vi. 30-40.	Ezekiel	xxxiv. 12-22.
Saturday...	John	vi. 41-59.	Ezekiel	xxxiv. 23-31.
Third Sun. aft. Easter.				
Monday....	John	vi. 60-71.	Ezekiel	xxxvi. 1-15.
Tuesday...	John	vii. 1-13.	Ezekiel	xxxvi. 16-32.
Wednesday	John	vii. 14-24.	Ezekiel	xxxvi. 33-38.
Thursday..	John	vii. 25-36.	Haggai	ii. 2-9.
Friday.....	John	vii. 37-53.	Zechariah	ii. 1-13.
Saturday...	John	viii. 1-11.	Zechariah	xi. 1-17.
Fourth Sun. aft. Easter.				
Monday ...	John	viii. 12-20.	Zechariah	xii. 1-13.
Tuesday ...	John	viii. 21-29.	Isaiah	lxv. 1-7.
Wednesday	John	viii. 30-45.	Isaiah	lxv. 8-16.
Thursday..	John	ix. 1-13.	Jeremiah	viii. 4-13.
Friday.....	John	ix. 14-34.	Zechariah	viii. 18-23.
Saturday...	John	ix. 35-41.	Isaiah	xlix. 22-26.
Fifth Sun, aft. Easter.				
Monday....	John	x. 1-5.	Amos	ix. 8-15.
Tuesday ...	John	x. 6-10.	Isaiah	iv. 2-6.
Wednesday	Matt.	xxviii. 16-20.	Isaiah	xxix. 18-24.
Ascension Day.....				
Friday.....	Luke	xxiv. 50-53.	Micah	vii. 7-13.
Saturday...	Acts	i. 12-26.	Micah	vii. 14-20.
Sunday after Ascension.				
Monday....	John	x. 17-21.	Zechariah	xiii. 7-9.
Tuesday....	John	x. 22-31.	Zechariah	xiv. 1-21.
Wednesday	John	x. 32-42.	Isaiah	lxvi. 10-24.
Thursday..	John	xi. 1-27.	Jeremiah	xlvi. 27, 28.
Friday	John	xi. 28-44.	Isaiah	xxxii. 9-20.
Saturday...	John	xi. 45-57.	Isaiah	lvii. 15-21.

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Whitsunday.				
Monday...				
Tuesday ...	Acts	ii. 14-36.	Ezekiel	xlvii. 1-12.
Wednesday	Acts	ii. 37-47.	Isaiah	xlv. 18-21.
Thursday ..	John	xiv. 1-22.	Isaiah	xlv. 22-25.
Friday.....	John	xv. 1-25.	Jeremiah	ix. 23-26.
Saturday...	Jno.xvi.31-xvii.26.		Isaiah	xliv. 6-8.
Trinity Sunday.				
Monday....	Acts	iii. 1-21.	Joshua	i. 1-18.
Tuesday...	Acts	iv. 1-37.	Joshna	iii. 1-17.
Wednesday	Acts	v. 1-42.	Joshua	iv. 1-24.
Thursday..	Acts	vi. 1-15.	Joshua	vi. 1-27.
Friday	Acts	vii. 1-60.	Joshua	viii. 1-35.
Saturday...	Acts	viii. 1-40.	Joshua	ix. 1-27.
1st Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Acts	i x. 1-43.	Joshua	x. 1-15.
Tuesday...	Acts	x. 1-33.	Joshua	xi. 1-23.
Wednesday	Acts	xi. 1-30.	Joshua	xxiii. 1-16.
Thursday..	Acts	xii. 1-25.	Joshua	xxiv. 1-31
Friday.....	Acts	xiii. 1-52.	Judges	ii. 1-23.
Saturday...	Acts	xiv. 1-28.	Judges	vi. 1-40.
2d Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Acts	xv. 1-41.	Judges	vii. 1-25.
Tuesday ...	Acts	xvi. 1-40.	Judges	xiii. 1-25.
Wednesday	Acts	xvii. 1-15.	Judges	xiv. 1-20.
Thursday..	Acts	xviii. 1-28.	Judges	xv. 1-20.
Friday.....	Acts	xix. 1-41.	Judges	xvi. 4-31.
Saturday...	Acts	xx. 1-38.	1 Samuel	i. 1-28.
3d Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday ...	Acts	xxi. 1-39.	1 Samuel	ii. 1-21.
Tuesday ...	Ac. xxi.40-xxii.29.		1 Samuel	iii. 1-21.
Wednesday	A xxxii.30-xxiii-35		1 Samuel	iv. 1-22.
Thursday..	Acts	xxiv. 1-27.	1 Samuel	v. 1-12.
Friday.....	Acts	xxv. 1-27.	1 Samuel	vii. 1-17.
Saturday...	Acts	xxvi. 1-32.	1 Samuel	viii 1-22.

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4th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Acts xxvii. 1-44.	1 Samuel ix. 1-27.
Tuesday....	Acts xxviii. 1-31.	1 Samuel x. 1-27.
Wednesday	Romans i. 1-15.	1 Samuel xii. 1-25.
Thursday..	Romans i. 16-32.	1 Samuel xiii. 1-14.
Friday.....	Romans ii. 1-29.	1 Samuel xv. 1-35.
Saturday...	Romans iii. 1-31.	1 Samuel xvi. 1-23.
5th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Romans iv. 1-25.	1 Samuel xvii. 1-58.
Tuesday....	Romans v. 1-vi. 2.	1 Samuel xviii. 1-21.
Wednesday	Romans vi. 12-18.	1 Samuel xix. 1-24.
Thursday...	Romans vii. 1-25.	1 Samuel xx. 1-42.
Friday	Romans viii. 1-11.	1 Samuel xxii. 1-23.
Saturday...	Romans xiii. 1-7.	1 Samuel xxiv. 1-22.
6th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday.....	Rom. xiv. 1-xv. 3.	1 Samuel xxvi. 1-25.
Tuesday....	Romans xv. 14-33.	1 Samuel. xxviii. 3-25.
Wednesday	Romans xvi. 1-27.	1 Samuel xxxi. 1-13.
Thursday..	1 Cor. i. 10-31.	2 Samuel i. 1-27.
Friday.....	1 Cor. ii. 1-16.	2 Samuel v. 1-25.
Saturday...	1 Cor. iv. 6-v. 5.	2 Samuel vi. 1-23.
7th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	1 Cor. v. 9-vi. 20.	1 Chronicles xvi. 1-43.
Tuesday....	1 Cor. vii. 1-40.	2 Samuel vii. 1-29.
Wednesday	1 Cor. viii. 1-13.	2 Samuel xii. 1-23.
Thursday ..	1 Cor. ix. 1-23.	2 Samuel xv. 1-15.
Friday.....	1 Cor. x. 14-33.	2 Samuel xvi. 5-35.
Saturday...	1 Cor. xi. 1-22.	2 Samuel xviii. 1-13.
8th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	1 Cor. xii. 12-31.	2 Samuel xix. 1-23.
Tuesday....	1 Cor. xiv. 1-40.	1 Chron. xxi. 1-30.
Wednesday	1 Cor. xv. 58-xvi. 24.	1 Chron. xxii. 1-19.
Thursday..	2 Corinth. i. 1-24.	1 Chron. xxviii. 1-21.
Friday.....	2 Cor. ii. 1-iii. 3.	1 Chron. xxix. 1-23.
Saturday...	2 Cor. vi. 11-vii. 16.	2 Chron. i. 1-13.

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9th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	2 Cor.	viii. 1-24.	1 Kings	iii. 16-28.
Tuesday...	2 Cor.	ix. 1-15.	1 Kings	iv. 22-34.
Wednesday	2 Cor.	x. 1-18.	1 Kings	v. 1-18.
Thursday..	2 Cor.	ix. 1-18.	2 Chron.	iii. 1-17.
Friday.....	2 Cor	xii.10-xiii.13.	1 Kings	viii. 1-66.
Saturday...	Galatians	i. 1-24.	1 Kings	vii. 1-12.
10th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Galat.	ii. 1-21.	1 Kings	ix. 1-28.
Tuesday...	Galat.	iii. 1-14.	1 Kings	x. 1-29.
Wednesday	Galat.	iv. 8-20.	1 Kings	xi. 1-43.
Thursday..	Galat.	v. 1-15.	1 Kings	xii. 1-33.
Friday.....	Galat.	vi. 11-18.	1 Kings	xiii. 1-34.
Saturday...	Ephesians	vi. 1-9.	1 Kings	xiv. 1-31.
11th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday ...	Ephes'ns	vi. 18-24.	1 Kings	xvi.29-xvii.24.
Tuesday...	Philip.	i. 12-ii. 4.	1 Kings	xviii. 1-46.
Wednesday	Philip.	ii. 19-30.	1 Kings	xix. 1-21.
Thursday..	Philip.	iii. 1-11.	1 Kings	xxi. 1-29.
Friday.....	Philip.	iv. 1-3.	1 K'gs	xxii.52-2K. i. 17.
Saturday...	Philip.	iv. 8-23.	2 Kings	ii. 1-25.
12th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Colos.	ii. 1-23.	2 Kings	iv. 1-44.
Tuesday...	Col.	iii. 18-iv 18.	2 Kings	v. 1-27.
Wednesday	1 Thes.	i. 1-10.	2 Kings	vi. 1-23.
Thursday..	1 Thes.	ii. 1-20.	2 Kings	vi. 24-vii. 20.
Friday.....	1 Thes.	iii. 1-13.	2 Kings	viii. 1-15.
Saturday...	1 Thes.	iv. 8-12.	2 Kings	ix. 1-37.
13th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	1 Thes.	v. 12-28.	2 Kings	x. 1-36.
Tuesday....	1 Tim.	i. 1-20.	2 Chron.	xxii. 1-12.
Wednesday	1 Tim.	ii. 1-15.	2 Chron.	xxiii. 1-21.
Thursday..	1 Tim.	iii. 1-16.	2 Chron.	xxiv. 1-27.
Friday....	1 Tim.	iv. 1-16.	2 Kings	xiv. 1-29.
Saturday...	1 Tim.	v. 1-25.	2 Kings	xv. 1-38.

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14th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	1 Timothy vi. 1-21.	Isaiah vi. 1-13.
Tuesday...	2 Timothy i. 1-18.	Amos vii. 7-17.
Wednesday	2 Timothy ii. 1-26.	2 Kings xvi. 1-20.
Thursday..	Titus i. 1-16.	2 Kings xvii. 1-23.
Friday.....	Titus ii. 1-10.	2 Kings xviii. 1-37.
Saturday...	Titus ii. 15-iii. 3.	2 Kings xix. 1-37.
15th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Titus iii. 8-15.	2 Kings xx. 1-21.
Tuesday...	Philemon 1-25.	2 Kings xxi. 1-26.
Wednesday	Hebrews i. 1-14.	2 Chron. xxxiv. 1-33.
Thursday..	Hebrews ii. 5-iii.6.	2Ch. xxxv.20-xxxvi.10
Friday.....	Heb. iv.14-v.14.	Jeremiah xxii. 1-30.
Saturday...	Hebrews vi.1-20.	Jeremiah xxv. 1-14.
16th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Hebrews vii. 1-28.	Jeremiah xxxvii.1-21.
Tuesday...	Hebrews viii.1-13.	Jer. xxxviii. 1-28.
Wednesday	Hebrews ix.1-10.	Jeremiah xxxii. 1-44.
Thursday..	Hebrews ix.16-28.	Jeremiah xxxix. 1-18
Friday.....	Hebrews x. 1-34.	Jeremiah xxix. 1-23.
Saturday...	Hebrews xi. 1-7.	Daniel i. 1-21.
17th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Hebrews xi. 17-40.	Daniel iii. 1-30.
Tuesday...	Hebrews xii. 1-17.	Daniel iv. 1-37.
Wednesday	Hebrews xiii.1-25.	Daniel v. 1-30.
Thursday..	James i. 1-15.	Daniel v.31-vi.28.
Friday.....	James ii. 1-13.	Ezra i. 1-11.
Saturday...	James ii. 14-26.	Ezra iii. 1-13.
18th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday ...	James iii. 1-18.	Ezra iv. 1-24.
Tuesday...	James iv. 1-v.6.	Haggai i. 1-15.
Wednesday	James v. 12-20.	Ezra v. 1-17.
Thursday..	1 Peter iii. 1-7.	Ezra vi. 1-22.
Friday.....	1 Peter iii. 15-22.	Ezra vii. 1-28.
Saturday...	1 Peter v. 1-5.	Ezra viii. 31-ix.15.

A Table of Lessons for Morning and Evening.

Days.	Morning.		Evening.	
19th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	1 John	i. 1-10.	Nehemiah	i. 1-11.
Tuesday....	1 John	ii. 1-17.	Nehemiah	ii. 1-20.
Wednesday	1 John	v. 1-3.	Nehemiah	iv. 1-23.
Thursday..	1 John	v. 10-21.	Nehemiah	viii. 1-18.
Friday.....	2 John	1-13.	Nehemiah	ix. 1-38.
Saturday...	3 John	1-14.	Zechariah	viii. 1-23.
20th Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Mark	iv. 1-11.	Isaiah	xliii. 1-13.
Tuesday....	Luke	xiii. 18-35.	Isaiah	xli. 1-20.
Wednesday	Matt.	xiii. 31-58.	Habakkuk	ii. 1-4.
Thursday...	Matt.	xvi. 13-20.	Isaiah	lxiii. 7-19.
Friday	2 Cor.	iii.10-iv.18.	Isaiah	lxiv. 1-12.
Saturday...	2 Cor.	v. 1-21.	Isaiah	v. 1-7.
21st Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday.....	Ephesians	i. 1-23.	Micah	vi. 1-9.
Tuesday....	Ephesians	ii. 1-22.	Isaiah	lviii. 1-14.
Wednesday	Ephesians	iv.7-21.	Isaiah	lix. 1-21.
Thursday..	Ephesians	iv.29-32.	Jeremiah	xxxi. 1-22.
Friday.....	Ephesians	v.10-14.	Jeremiah	xxxi. 23-40.
Saturday...	Ephesians	v.22-33.	Isaiah	xlviii. 1-22.
22d Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	Matt.	xviii. 1-22.	Micah	iv.9-v.1.
Tuesday....	Mark	ix. 33-50.	Isaiah	xlix. 14-21.
Wednesday	Luke	xvii. 20-27.	Isaiah	ii. 10-21.
Thursday ..	Romans	viii.24-39.	Isaiah	lxiii. 1-6.
Friday.....	Mark	xii. 1-12.	Joel	ii. 1-11.
Saturday...	Matt.	xxv.14-30.	Joel	ii. 12-27.
23d Sunday aft. Trinity.				
Monday....	1 Cor.	iii. 1-23.	Joel	iii. 1-13.
Tuesday....	Matt.	xix.16-30.	Joel	iii. 14-21.
Wednesday	Luke	xiv. 12-15.	Obadiah	1-21.
Thursday..	Mark	xiii. 1-37.	Nahum	i. 1-14.
Friday.....	Romans	ix. 1-33.	Nahum	i. 15-iii.19.
Saturday...	Romans	x. 1-21.	Isaiah	x. 5-27.

A Table of Lessons for Morning and Evening.

Days.	Morning.	Evening.
24th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Romans xi. 1-33.	Isaiah xiii. 1-22.
Tuesday...	2 Thes. i. 11-ii. 17.	Isaiah xiv. 1-27.
Wednesday	2 Thes. iii. 1-18.	Isaiah xlvii. 1-15.
Thursday..	2 Tim. iii. 1-17.	Daniel ii. 27-45.
Friday.....	2 Tim. iv. 1-22.	Daniel vii. 1-28.
Saturday...	Matt. xxiv. 1-14	Daniel ix. 1-27.
25th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	Matt. xxiv. 29-51.	Daniel xi. 36-xii. 13-
Tuesday...	Matt. xxii. 23-33.	Ezekiel xxxviii. 1-23.
Wednesday	1 Cor. xv. 11-50.	Ezekiel xxxix. 16-29.
Thursday..	Heb. iii. 7-iv. 13.	Isaiah xliii. 14-25.
Friday.....	Heb. xi. 8-16.	Isaiah xxxiii. 17-24.
Saturday...	Heb. xii. 18-29.	Ezekiel xxxvii. 1-14.
26th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday....	1 Peter i. 1-12,	Zephaniah iii. 9-20.
Tuesday...	1 Peter i. 13-ii 10.	Isaiah xxxiv. 1-17.
Wednesday	1 Peter iv. 1-7.	Isaiah xxxv. 1-10.
Thursday..	1 Peter iv. 12-19.	Isaiah liv. 1-17.
Friday.....	2 Peter i. 1-15.	Isaiah lx. 7-22.
Saturday...	2 Peter ii. 1-22.	Isaiah lxii. 1-12.
27th Sunday aft. Trinity.		
Monday ...	2 Peter iii. 1-18.	Isaiah lxv. 17-25.
Tuesday...	Jude 1-25.	Ezekiel xxxvii. 15-28.
Wednesday	1 John ii. 18-29.	Habakkuk iii. 1-19.
Thursday..	1 John iii. 1-12.	Isaiah xl. 27-31.
Friday.....	1 John iii. 19-24.	Jeremiah xiv. 7-9.
Saturday...	1 John iv. 1-8.	Malachi iii. 7-18.

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE, OR THE COMMUNION.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may be sung.*

¶ *The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:*

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Confession of Sins, *as here followeth:*

The Confession of Sins.

BELOVED in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

¶ *Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be sung or said:*

Minister. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Congregation. Who made heaven and earth.

Minister. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Congregation. And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

ALMIGHTY God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee, by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¶ *The Congregation shall say with the Minister:*

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine Only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins: and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy

will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then the Minister, standing, shall say:*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then, all standing to the close of the* Collect, *shall be sung or said the* Introit *for the day.*

The Introit.

¶ *The* Introit *with the* Gloria Patri *may be sung by the Choir; or the* Introit *may be said by the Minister, and the* Gloria Patri *sung or said by the Congregation. Instead of the* Introit *a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

Gloria Patri.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the*

Kyrie.

¶ *The* Kyrie *may be sung or said by the Minister and Congregation, or each petition may be said by the Minister and sung or said by the Congregation in response.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall be sung the* Gloria in Excelsis *as here followeth. Instead of the* Gloria in Excelsis, *another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Glory be to God on high!

¶ *The Congregation shall sing:*

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Collect *for the Day.*

The Collect.

¶ *The* Collect *ended, the Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the* Epistle for the Day. *Other* Scripture Lessons *may be read before the* Epistle, *but the* Epistle *and* Gospel for the Day *shall always be read. The Minister shall announce the* Epistle, *saying:*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the Day*) is written in the——Chapter of——, beginning at the——Verse.

The Epistle for the Day.

¶ *The* Epistle *ended, the Minister shall say:* Here endeth the Epistle.

¶ *Then shall the* Hallelujah *be sung or said, except in the Passion season.*

The Hallelujah.

Hallelujah!

¶ *Instead of the simple* Hallelujah, *a* sentence *for the Season of the Church-year may be sung with it; or a Psalm or Hymn may be sung after the* Hallelujah.

The Hallelujah and Sentene

For Advent.

Hallelujah! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies: for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

For the Epiphany Season.

Hallelujah! O praise the Lord, all ye nations; and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

For the Passion Season.

Christ hath humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

For the Easter Season.

Hallelujah! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

For Whitsuntide.

Hallelujah! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

From Trinity to Advent.

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy: and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or this:

Hallelujah! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him, and highly exalt Him forever. Hallelujah!

¶ *Then shall the Minister announce the* Gospel for the Day *saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the——Chapter of St.——beginning at the——Verse.

¶ *The Congregation may sing or say:*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read*

The Gospel for the Day.

¶ *The* Gospel *ended, the Minister shall say:* Here endeth the Gospel, *and the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the* Gospel, *and shall sing or say:*

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the* Nicene Creed, *or the* Apostles' Creed; *but if there be a Communion, the* Nicene Creed *shall be used.*

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; the

Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

¶ *Then may a Hymn be sung and the Minister shall go into the pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow*

The Sermon.

¶ *The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say:*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

¶ *The* Offertory *shall then be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

¶ *One of the* Offertories *here following, or any other suitable* Offertory, *may be used.*

The Offertory.

I.

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness: with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering.

II.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

¶ *The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petition, intercessions or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* General Prayer. *The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the* Litany, *or a selection from the* Collects and Prayers, *or any other suitable prayer.*

The General Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: We give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of

Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace: and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us, that in good and honest hearts, we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor [and Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hinderance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy Name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth, nor our many transgressions; but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace and mercy, defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble, show Thyself a very present Help, the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions and Prayers may be made.*

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have

us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the* Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the* Benediction, *after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.*

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Whilst the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vesssels and prepare for the administration of the* Holy Communion.

¶ *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the* Agnus Dei.

The Preface.

¶ *The Minister shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Congregation. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God.

¶ *Here shall follow the* Proper Preface, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow*, Therefore with angels, etc.

Proper Prefaces.

For Christmas.

FOR in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory: that seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For the Passion Season.

WHO on the tree of the Cross didst give salvation unto mankind; that whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again: and that he who by a tree once overcame, might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ our Lord; through whom with Angels, etc.

For the Easter Season,

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again, hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Ascension Day.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord, Who after His Resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into Heaven, that He might make us partakers of His Divine Nature. Therefore with Angels, etc.

For Whitsunday.

THROUGH Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Saviour; Who ascended above the heavens, and sitting at Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy

Spirit, as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with Angels, etc,

For the Festival of the Trinity.

WHO with Thine Only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty co-equal. Therefore with Angels, etc.

¶ *After the* Preface *shall follow immediately:*

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name; evermore praising Thee, and saying

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the*

Sanctus.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Then may the Minister give this* Exhortation.

The Exhortation.

DEARLY Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfil for us the whole will and law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.

Therefore whoso eateth of this bread, and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification, and rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

¶ *Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:*

Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; (*a*) and when He had given thanks He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me.

(*a*) *Here he shall take the Plate with the Bread in his hand.*

After the same manner, also, He took the cup, (*b*) when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(*b*) *Here he shall take the Cup in his hand.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say:*

The peace of the Lord be with you alway.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the* Agnus Dei, *and the distribution shall begin.*

Agnus Dei.

O CHRIST, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

¶ *When the Minister giveth the Bread he shall say:*

Take and eat, this is the true Body of Christ given for thee.

¶ *When he giveth the Cup he shall say:*

Take and drink, this is the true Blood of the New Testament, shed for thy sins.

¶ *In dismissing the Communicants, the Minister may say:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life.

¶ *If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communed, the Minister shall consecrate more, saying aloud, so much of the words of institution as pertaineth to the element to be consecrated.*

¶ *When all have communed, the Minister shall reverently cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine.*

¶ *Then all standing, may be sung or said the*

Nunc Dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

The Thanksgiving.

Minister.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

And His mercy endureth forever.

Minister.

WE give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*

Benedicamus.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Congregation. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Bless we the Lord.
Congregation. Thanks be to God.

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the* Benediction *as here followeth, or he may say the words* 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

¶ *After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.*

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

¶ *The Congregation shall sing or say:*

Amen.

ORDER OF EVENING SERVICE, OR VESPERS.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn may be sung*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said responsively the* Versicle *with the* Gloria Patri *as here followeth, all standing to the end of the* Psalm.

Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Answer. Make haste, to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah!

¶ *During the Passion Season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.*

The Psalm.

¶ *Then shall be sung or said one or more* Psalms. *At the end of the* Psalm *the* Gloria Patri *shall be sung. An* Antiphon *may be used with each* Psalm.

The Lesson.

¶ *The* Scripture Lessons *shall then be read, and after each* Lesson *may be sung or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *After the* Lessons *a* Responsory *may be sung.*

¶ *Then may follow a* SERMON, *after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

¶ *Then shall be sung*

The Hymn.

¶ *Then, all standing, may be sung or said this* Versicle. *But on Festival days, a special* Versicle *may be used.*

Versicle. Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

Answer. And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

The Canticle.

¶ *Then shall be sung the*

Magnificat. St. Luke i.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or the*

Nunc Dimittis. St. Luke ii.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

¶ *An Antiphon may be sung with the* Canticle.

The Prayer.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Prayers *here following, or the* Suffrages, *the* Litany, *or other prayers.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us,

¶ *Then all shall say:*

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Salutation. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with Thy Spirit.
Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the* Collect *for the day: the* Collect *for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the* Collect *for the following Sunday is said. Then may be said any other* Collects *and after that this* Collect *for Peace. A* Versicle *may be used with the* Collect.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*
Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord,
Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *The service may end with the* Benedicamus; *or a Closing Hymn may be sung, after which may be said*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

¶ *At the close of the Service silent prayer should be offered.*

THE ORDER OF EARLY SERVICE, OR MATINS.

¶ *A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn may be sung.*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said the* Versicles *here following, all standing to the end of the Venite.*

Versicle. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Answer. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Answer. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah.

¶ *During the Passion season the* Hallelujah *shall be omitted.*

¶ *Then shall follow the* Invitatory *with the* Venite. *On Festival Days a special* Invitatory *may be used.*

The Invitatory.

O Come, let us worship the Lord:
For He is our Maker.

Venite Exultemus. Ps. xcv.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.
The Sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Hymn.

¶ *The Hymn shall then be sung.*

The Psalm.

¶ *Then, all standing to the end of the* Psalm *shall be sung or said one or more* Psalms. *At the end of the* Psalm *the* Gloria Patri *shall be sung. An* Antiphon *may be used with each* Psalm.

The Lesson.

¶ *The* Scripture Lessons *shall then be read. After each* Lesson *may be sung or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

¶ *After the* Lessons *a* Responsory *may be sung.*

¶ *A brief* Exhortation, *or* Sermon, *may then follow.*

The Canticle.

¶ *The Congregation shall stand and sing the* Te Deum Laudamus, *or the* Benedictus. *An* Antiphon *may be sung with the* Benedictus.

Te Deum Laudamus.

WE praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory ; O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants : whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people : and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up forever.
Day by day : we magnify Thee.
And we worship Thy name : ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us : as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord, in Thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded. Amen.

Or the

Benedictus. St. Luke i.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel : for He hath visited and redeemed His people ;
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us : in the house of His servant David ;
As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began ;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us ;
To perform the mercy promised to our fathers : and to remember His holy covenant ;
The oath which He sware to our father Abraham : that He would grant unto us ;
That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him : all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways ;
To give knowledge of salvation unto His people : by the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God :

whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us ;
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death : to guide our feet in the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Prayer.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
¶ *Then all shall say :*

OUR Father, who art in heaven ; Hallowed be Thy Name ; Thy kingdom come ; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; Give us this day our daily bread ; And forgive us our tresspasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil ; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *One or more* Collects *may be used, with the* Salutation, *which may be preceded by a* Versicle. *After each* Collect *the Congregation shall sing or say :*

Amen.

¶ *Then may be sung or said the* Benedicamus *with the* Salutation.

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Benedicamus.
Bless we the Lord.
Answer. Thanks be to God,

¶ *The service may end with the* Benedicamus *or a closing Hymn may be sung; after which may be said*
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Amen.

¶ *At the close of the service silent prayer should be offered.*

INTROITS AND COLLECTS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR.

¶ *The* Introits *have their proper music, but they may be sung to the Psalm tunes. The* Introit, *as far as the Psalm may be repeated after the* Gloria Patri.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

UNTO Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee;

Let me not be ashamed: Let not mine enemies triumph over me;

Yea, let none that wait on Thee: be ashamed.

Psalm. Shew me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me Thy paths.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come; that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii: 11-14. *Gospel*, Matt. xxi: 1-9.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DAUGHTER of Zion: behold thy salvation cometh. The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard: and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Ps. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; Who

liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xv : 4-13. . *Gospel*, Luke xxi : 25-36.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

REJOICE in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men : the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing : but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Thy gracious visitation: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor, iv: 1-5. *Gospel*, Matt : xi : 2-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

DROP down, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness :

Let the earth open : and bring forth salvation.

Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, through Thy mercy and satisfaction ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Philippians iv : 4-7. *Gospel*, John i : 19-28.

Other Collects for the Season of Advent.

MERCIFULLY hear. O Lord, the prayers of Thy people ; that as they rejoice in the Advent of Thine Only-Be-

gotten Son, according to the flesh, so when He cometh a second time in His Majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; Who liveth, &c.

O God, Who dost gladden us with the yearly anticipation of our Redemption; Grant that we who now joyfully receive Thine Only-Begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also behold Him without fear when He cometh as our Judge; Who liveth, &c.

MOST merciful God, Who hast given Thine eternal Word to be made incarnate of the pure Virgin; Grant unto Thy people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that so they may be ready for Thy visitation; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, &c.

CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect for Christmas Night.

O GOD, Who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light; Grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of its joys in heaven; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for Christmas Day.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new birth of Thine Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Tit. ii: 11-14; Isa. ix 2-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 1-14.

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY.

[*The* Introit *and* Collect *are the same as for Christmas Day.*

Epistle, Titus iii: 4-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 15-20.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

THY testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Galatians iv: 1-7. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 33-40.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST—NEW YEAR.

Introit.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth: Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the Son of man that Thou visitest him?

Ps. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer: from everlasting is Thy Name.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, Who, for our sakes, hast made Thy Blessed Son, our Saviour, subject to the Law, and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh; Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts, through the same. Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift; we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fulness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, &c.

Epistle, Galatians iii: 23-29. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 21.

SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR.

[*The* Introit *and* Collect *are the same as for the Sunday after Christmas.*]

Epistle, 1 Peter iv: 12-19. *Gospel*, Matt. ii: 13-23.

EPIPHANY.

Introit.

BEHOLD the Lord, the Ruler hath come: and the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in His hand.

Ps. Give the King Thy judgments, O God: and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah ix: 1-6. *Gospel*, Matt. ii: 12.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

I SAW also the Lord sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii: 1-5. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 41-52

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

ALL the earth shall worship Thee: and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy Name: O Thou Most Highest.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xii: 6-16. *Gospel*, John ii: 1-11.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

WORSHIP Him, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad.

The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty, to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth

and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xii : 16-21. *Gospel*, Matt. viii : 1-13.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

[*The* Introit *is the same as for the Third Sunday after* Epiphany.]

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. xiii : 8-10. *Gospel*, Matt. viii : 23-27.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

[*The* Introit *is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.*]

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and Household continually in Thy true religion; that they who do lean upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. iii : 12-17. *Gospel*, Matt. xiii : 24-30.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

THE lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thy Only-Begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that come from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the adoption of sons: Mercifully vouchsafe to make us co-heirs with the King of his glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee; and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Peter i: 16-21. *Gospel*, Matt. xvii: 1-9.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Introit.

THE sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress, I called upon the Lord: and He heard my voice out of His temple.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord my Strength: the Lord is my Rock aud my Fortress!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. ix: 24—x: 5. *Gospel*, Matt. xx: 1-16.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

AWAKE, why sleepest Thou, O Lord ?: Arise, cast us not off forever.

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our affliction ?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant, that by the power of Thy Son, the Teacher of nations, we may be defended against all adversity; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. xi: 19—xii: 9. *Gospel*, Luke viii: 4-15.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

BE Thou my strong Rock: for an house of defence to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress: therefore for Thy Name's sake lead me and guide me.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in my righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ,ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xiii: 1-13. *Gospel*, Luke xviii: 31-43.

ASH WEDNESDAY, OR FIRST DAY OF LENT.

Introit.

I WILL cry unto God Most High: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.

Ps. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our

sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Joel ii: 12-19. *Gospel*, Matt. vi: 16 21.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (INVOCAVIT).

Introit.

HE shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Cor. vi: 1-10. *Gospel*, Matt. iv: 1-11.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE).

Introit.

REMEMBER, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength; Keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv: 1-7. *Gospel*, Matt. xv: 21-28.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (OCULI).

Introit.

MINE eyes are ever toward the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Ephesians v: 1-9. *Gospel*, Luke xi: 14-28.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LÆTARE).

Introit.

REJOICE ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Galatians iv: 21-31. *Gospel*, John vi: 1-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (JUDICA).

Introit.

JUDGE me, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man: for Thou art the God of my strength.

Ps. O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Hebrews ix: 11-15. *Gospel*, John viii: 46-59.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PALMARUM).

Introit.

BE not Thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste Thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Ps. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me ?: Why art Thou so far from helping me ?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God Who hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Philippians ii: 5-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xxi: 1-9.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

PLEAD my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

Ps. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the passion and intercession of Thine Only-Begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. 1: 5-10. *Gospel*, John xii: 1-23, or The Passion History.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

GOD forbid that I should glory: save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion, that we may obtain the pardon of our sins; through the same, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Jer. xi: 18 20. *Gospel*, John xii: 24-43, or The Passion History.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

AT the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow: of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For He became obedient unto death, even the death

of the Cross: wherefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine Only-Begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Is. lxii: 11; lxiii: 1-7. *Gospel*, Luke xxii: 1-xxiii: 42, or The Passion History.

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The Introit *is the same as for Tuesday.*

O LORD God, Who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Thy Passion; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so use this Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, that the fruits of Thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; Thou, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor; xi: 23-32. *Gospel*, John xiii: 1-15, or The Passion History.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The same Introit *as for Tuesday, or this:*

SURELY He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collects.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the

hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MERCIFUL and Everlasting God, Who hast not spared Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the Cross; Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast willed that Thy Son should bear for us the pains of the Cross, that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary; Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isa. lii: 13—liii: 12. *Gospel*, John xviii: 1-xix: 42. or The Passion History.

EASTER.

Introit.

WHEN I awake I am still with Thee. Hallelujah!: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Hallelujah! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

or

HE is risen, Hallelujah!: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah!

Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah: the Son of man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Thou crownedst Him with glory and honor: Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Collect *for Easter Eve.*

O GOD, Who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection; Preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that renewed in body and soul they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same, our Lord

Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect *for Easter Day.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who, through Thine Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech Thee, that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Other Easter Callects.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate Thy Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same Jerus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. v: 6-8. *Gospel*, Mark xvi: 1-8.

EASTER MONDAY.

The Introit *and the* Collect *are the same as for Easter Day.*

Epistle, Acts x: 34 41. *Gospel*, Luke xxiv: 13-35.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (QUASIMODO GENITI).

Introit.

AS newborn babes: desire the sincere milk of the Word.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto Thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me.

Ps. Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's Resur-

rection, may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John v: 4-12. *Gospel*, John xx: 19-31.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (MISERICORDIAS).

Introit.

THE earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:
By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made.
Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GOD, Who, by the humiliation of Thy Son, didst raise up the fallen world; Grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death, do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen,*

Epistle, 1 Peter ii: 21-25. *Gospel*, John x: 11-16.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (JUBILATE).

Introit.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
Sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.
Ps. Say unto God, how terrible art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter ii : 11-20. *Gospel*, John xvi : 16 23.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (CANTATE).

Introit.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvellous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Ps. His right hand, and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will; Grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest. and desire what Thou dost promise; that among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i : 16-21. *Gospel*, John xvi : 5-15.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (ROGATE).

Introit.

WITH the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob: Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His Name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, from Whom all good things do come; Grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, James i: 22-27. *Gospel*, John xvi: 23-30.

ASCENSION DAY.

Introit.

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?: Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O KING of Glory, Lord of Hosts, Who didst this Day ascend in triumph far above all heavens; We beseech Thee leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts i: 1-11. *Gospel*, Mark xvi: 14-20.

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (EXAUDI).

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah! When Thou saidst, seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek: Hide not Thy face from me. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Ps. The Lord is my Light, and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God; Make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy Majes-

ty with a pure heart; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter iv: 7-11. *Gospel*, John xv: 26—xvi: 4.

WHITSUNDAY.

Introit.

THE Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: Hallelujah! Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts ii: 1-13. *Gospel*, John xiv: 23-31.

MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

The Introit *is the same as for Whitsunday.*

Collect.

O God, Who didst give Thy Holy Spirit to Thine Apostles; Grant unto Thy people the performance of their petitions, so that on us to whom Thou hast given faith, Thou mayest also bestow peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Acts x: 42-48. *Gospel*, John iii: 16-21.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

Introit.

BLESSED be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity: Let us give glory to Him because He hath shown His

mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Or,

HOLY, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts: of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy Name in all the earth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans xi: 33-36. *Gospel*, John iii: 1-15.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O LORD, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord?: How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iv: 16-21. *Gospel*, Luke xvi: 19-31.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord was my stay; He brought me forth also into a large place:
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength: The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love; Make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 John iii: 13-18. *Gospel*, Luke xiv: 16-24.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

TURN Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.
Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.
Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, doI lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee, let me not be ashamed.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter v: 6-11. *Gospel*, Luke xv: 1-10.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom

shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

Ps. Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. viii: 18-23. *Gospel*, Luke vi: 36-42.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HEAR, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Thou hast been my help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Peter iii: 8-15. *Gospel*, Luke v: 1-11.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord is the strength of His people: He is the saving strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Ps. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me: lest if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD of all power and might, Who art the Author and Giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Rom. vi: 3-11. *Gospel*, Matt. v: 20-26.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O CLAP your hands, all ye people: Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Ps. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Whose never-failing Providence ordereth al things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans vi: 19-23. *Gospel*, Mark viii: 1-9.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

WE have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Romans viii: 12-17. *Gospel*, Matt. vii: 15-23.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, God is mine Helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God, by Thy Name: and judge me by Thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. x: 6-13. *Gospel*, Luke xvi: 1-9.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

AS for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice: He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them; even He that abideth of old: Cast Thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Ps. Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, Who declarest Thine Almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xii: 1-11. *Gospel*, Luke xix: 41-48.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

GOD is in His holy habitation, He is God who setteth the solitary in families:

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto his people.

Ps. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. xv: 1-10. *Gospel*, Luke xviii: 9-14.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my soul.

Ps. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy Heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, true God, world without end. *Amen.*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant: O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause: and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

Ps. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever: Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. iii: 15-22. *Gospel*, Luke x: 23-37.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BEHOLD, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed:

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of

man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 16-24. *Gospel*, Luke xvii: 11-19.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BOW down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Ps. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD, we beseech Thee; Let continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Gal. v: 25—vi: 10. *Gospel*, Matt. vi: 24-34.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Ps. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we pray Thee, that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee

and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iii: 13-21. *Gospel*, Luke vii: 11-17.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O Lord, and upright art Thy judgments:

Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee; Grant Thy people grace, to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv: 1-6. *Gospel*, Luke xiv: 1-11.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

REWARD them that wait for Thee, O Lord: and let Thy prophets be fonnd faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy servants: and of Thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. i: 4-9. *Gospel*, Matt. xxii: 34-46.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAY unto my soul, I am Thy salvation:
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth:
He delivereth them out of their troubles: He is their God for ever and ever.

Ps. Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. iv: 22-28. *Gospel*, Matt. ix: 1-8.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE Lord our God is righteous in all his works which He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.
Give glory to Thy Name, O Lord: and deal with us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. v: 15-21. *Gospel*, Matt. xxii: 1-14.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

THE whole world is in Thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay Thee.

For Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven: Thou art Lord of all.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Eph. xi: 10-17. *Gospel*, John iv: 46-54.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

IF Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, Who art the Author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church: and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. i: 3-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xviii: 23-35.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

I KNOW the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and

I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ABSOLVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Phil. iii. 17-21. *Gospel*, Matt. xxii: 15-22.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O COME, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Ps. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Col. i: 9-14. *Gospel*, Matt. ix: 18-26.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

HAVE mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon Thee.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, we beseech Thee, Show Thy mercy unto thy humble servants, that we who put no trust in our merits may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. iv: 13-18. *Gospel*, Matt. xxiv: 15-28.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

SAVE me, O God, by Thy Name, and judge me by Thy strength:

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Ps. He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O GOD, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that being ever-mindful of the end of all things, and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 2 Peter iii: 3-14, or 2 Thess. i: 3-10. *Gospel*, Matt. xxv: 31-46.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

¶ *The* Introit *and* Collect *for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity shall be used on the last Sunday after Trinity in each year.*

Epistle, 1 Thess. v: 1-11. *Gospel*, Matt. xxv: 1-13.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST.

Introit.

O LORD, Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness: and Thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Ps. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, most merciful Father, Who openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing; we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing, and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts, that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Introit.

THE Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Ps. God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O LORD God, Heavenly Father; Pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Thy saving peace; through the same Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee

and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Introit.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger: they are gone away backward.

Ps. If Thou, Lord, should mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

[*On this day the* Gloria Patri *is omitted.*]

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, Who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended Thee; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight; But we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of Thy holy Name, and for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING.

Introit.

LET every thing that hath breath praise the Lord: praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Ps. Praise ye the Lord; praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though

we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul; Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST.

The Introit *is the same as for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

Collect.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that as Thine Only-Begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Malachi iii: 1-4. *Gospel*, Luke ii: 22-32.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

Introit.

ALL the rich among the people shall entreat Thy favor.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work.

Her companions shall be brought unto Thee: with gladness and rejoicing.

Ps. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, Pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle, Isaiah vii: 10-16. *Gospel*, Luke i: 26-38.

THE VISITATION.

The Introit *is the same as for the Annunciation.*

Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden the Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and lowly and the despised; Grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so be made one with Thy dear Son; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Isaiah xi: 1-5. *Gospel*, Luke i: 39-56.

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS.

Introit.

I KNOW whom I have believed: and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness: which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and know me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-Stone; Grant us to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists and Apostles; Give us grace, that being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*The* Epistles *and* Gospels *for Apostles' Days and other Minor Festivals are to be found in the Tables.*]

ST. MICHAELS' DAY.

Introit.

BLESS the Lord, ye His Angels, that excel in strength: that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Ps Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Collect.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels always do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Epistle, Revelation xii: 7-12. *Gospel*, Matt. xviii: 1-11.

INVITATORIES, ANTIPHONS, RESPONSORIES AND VERSICLES FOR THE CHURCH YEAR.

¶ *The* Invitatory *varies with the Season, and is always used with* Psalm xcv. *at Matins. It is divided into two parts separated by a colon. The first part, or the whole, of the* Invitatory *may be sung or said by the Minister, or sung by a single voice, or by the choir, before the Psalm; and after the Psalm and* Gloria Patri *the whole* Invitatory *shall be sung.*

¶ *An* Antiphon *is used at Matins and Vespers to the Psalms, the* Magnificat, *the* Nunc Dimittis, *and the* Benedictus. *It is used in the same manner as the* Invitatory.

¶ *The* Responsory *varies with the Season, and may be sung after the last* Lesson *at Vespers and Matins. At the end of the* Responsory *is sung* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, (*but not* "*As it was in the beginning, &c.*"), *followed by the repitition of the last sentence of the* Responsory.

¶ *A* Versicle *may be used at Vespers after the* Hymn, *and at Vespers and Matins before the closing* Collect. *A* Versicle *is used before the* Litany Collects. *The first part of the* Versicle *is said by the Minister, and the second part sung or said* by the people.

ADVENT.

Invitatory.

BEHOLD, the King cometh: O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Behold, the Name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

2. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of Thy people Israel.

3. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold, Thy King cometh.

4. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all His saints with Him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah.

Responsory.

BEHOLD, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.

Verse. In His days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is His Name whereby He shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And this is His Name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.

Versicles.

1. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined:

Answer. Our God shall come. Hallelujah.

2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah.

Make his paths straight. Hallelujah.

3. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:

Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

CHRISTMAS.

Invitatory.

UNTO us the Christ is born: O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. The Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

2. The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever.

3. Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

4. Christ the Lord, our Saviour, Everlasting God and Mary's Son: we praise Thee evermore.

Responsory.

THE Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Full of grace and truth.

Versicles.

1. At even ye shall know that the Lord will come:
And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.
2. As the bridegroom from His chamber:
Cometh forth the Lord to run his race.
3. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah.
And dwelt among us. Hallelujah.
4. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord
God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.
5, Unto us a child is born. Hallelujah
Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah.
6. Unto you is born this day a Saviour: Hallelujah.
Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah.

THE EPIPHANY.

Invitatory.

CHRIST hath appeared unto us: O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
2. The Lord hath made known His Word. Hallelujah: the Word of His salvation. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
3. A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.
4. We have seen His star in the east: and are come to worship Him.

Responsory.

ARISE, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Verse. And the Gentiles shall come to Thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Versicles.

1. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah.
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah.

2. All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah.
They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah.

3. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah.
Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah.

THE PASSION SEASON.

Antiphons.

1. Man shall not live by bread alone: but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2. Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.

3. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord and against His Anointed.

4. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Responsory.

HE was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

Verse. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people

Versicles.

1. Save me from the lion's mouth, O Lord.
And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

2. Christ became obedient unto death:
Even the death of the cross.

3. Christ was wounded for our transgressions:
He was bruised for our iniquities.

EASTER.

Invitatory.

The Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah.

Antiphons.

1. Hallelujah ! : Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

2. I laid me down and slept ; I awaked : for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

3. Hallelujah ! The Lord is risen. Hallelujah : As He said unto you. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

4. Hallelujah ! Abide with us, for it is toward evening : and the day is far spent. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

Responsory.

CHRIST being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah ! Hallelujah !

Verse. Christ was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah !

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah !

Versicles.

1. The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah.
Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah.

2. Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah.
When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah.

3. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah.

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

4. The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah.
And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah.

ASCENSION DAY.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH ! The King ascendeth into Heaven; O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah !

Antiphons.

1. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you : but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. Hallelujah.

2. Hallelujah! Christ hath ascended up on high. Hallelujah!: And hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. I ascend unto My Father and your Father: and to My God and your God. Hallelujah.

Responsory.

GO ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Hallelujah!
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Verse. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Versicles.

1 I will not leave you comfortless: Hallelujah!
I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah.
2. God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah!
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah.

WHITSUNTIDE.

Invitatory.

HALLELUJAH! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
2. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
3. I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!: I will come to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

Responsory.

AND there appeared unto the Apostles cloven tongues, like as of fire. Halleujah!

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. And they began to speak with other tongues the wonderful works of God.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Versicles.

1. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah!

2. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

And they began to speak. Hallelujah!

3. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Hallelujah!

And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah!

THE FESTIVAL OF TRINITY.

Invitatory.

THE true God, One in Three, and Three in One: O come, let us worship Him.

Antiphons.

1. Unto Thee do we call, Thee do we praise, Thee do we worship: O blessed Trinity.

2. Glory be to Thee, Co-equal Trinity: one God before all worlds began, and now, and forevermore.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: Which was, and is, and is to come.

Responsory.

WE bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Verse. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Versicle.

We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

Antiphon.

I WILL speak of Thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

Versicles.

1. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah!
And a light unto my path. Hallelujah!

2. The Lord our God be with us. Hallelujah!
As he was with our fathers. Hallelujah!

3. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah.
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah.

4. Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah!
Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah!

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Antiphons.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily: Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.

Versicles.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord:
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3. Lord, deal not with us after our sins:
Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

4. Create in us a clean heart, O God.
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

5. We have sinned with our fathers:
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

Antiphon.

THE Lord is in His holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.

Versicle.

Thy testimonies are very sure. Hallelujah!
Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever. Hallelujah!

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

Antiphons.

1. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.
2. O how glorious is that kingdom: wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ; they are clothed with white robes and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

Versicles.

1. We have here no continuing city. Hallelujah!
But we seek one to come. Hallelujah!
2. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Hallelujah!
They rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Hallelujah!

FOR OTHER TIMES.

Antiphons.

1. Out of the depths: have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.
3. Commit Thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him.
4. Preserve my life: from the fear of the enemy.
5. It is good to sing praises: unto our God.
6. Forsake not the works: of Thine own hands.
7. The Lord: is the strength of my life.
8. The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at my right hand.
9. Blessed be the Lord God: the God of Israel.
10. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
11. Blessed: be His glorious Name forever.
12. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

13. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.
14. I will praise Thy Name: forever and ever.
15. Thou wilt show me: the path of life.
16. We praise the Lord: now, henceforth and forever.
17. Blessed: is the man that feareth the Lord.

Responsory.

FOREVER, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.
Verse. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Versicles.

1. The eyes of all wait upon Thee:
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

2. The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah!
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah!

3. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest:
That He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

4. Ask, and ye shall receive:
That your joy may be full.

5. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. Hallelujah!
For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah!

6. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
And to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High.

7. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt preserve their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear.

8. The Lord will give strength unto His people. Hallelujah!
The Lord will bless His people with peace. Hallelujah!

9. They that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Hallelujah!

And they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Hallelujah!

10. By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice:
By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

11. He shall give His angels charge over thee:
To keep Thee in all Thy ways.

12. The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory. Hallelujah!
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Hallelujah!

13. Sanctify us through Thy truth. Hallelujah!
Thy Word is truth. Hallelujah!

14. Lord, teach me to do Thy will. Hallelujah!
Let Thy good Spirit lead me in the right way. Hallelujah!

15. Show me Thy ways, O Lord. Hallelujah!
Teach me Thy paths. Hallelujah!

16. Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance;
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

17 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy Name:
Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

18. I have trusted in Thy mercy:
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

19. Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
For of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

20. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!

21. Call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver Thee, and Thou shalt glorify Me.

22. Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts:
Strengthen Thou me acccording to Thy Word.

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS.

1

GRANT us, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks, that of Thy great goodness and mercy, Thou didst suffer Thine Only-Begotten Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may evermore yield Thee unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost; Most heartily we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Advocate, to grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may quicken our hearts by Thy saving Word, and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort and sanctify us unto everlasting life; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

SEND, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who, of Thy tender love towards us sinners, hast given us Thy Son, that believing on Him we might have everlasting life; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who, by Thy Son, hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life; We beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him, and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

7.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

8.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Quicken us; we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, unto newness of life, that through the power of His resurrection, we may dwell with Christ forever; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

9.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, Who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty; Let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE CHURCH.

10.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church, Thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

11.

MERCIFUL Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

12.

O GOD, our Protector; Behold, and look upon the face of Thine Annointed, who hath given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, Thy Name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place, sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

13.

O LORD, favorably receive the prayers of Thy Church, that being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve Thee in safety and freedom; and grant us Thy peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

14.

For the Children of the Church.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish, and hast sent Thine only Son to seek and to save that which was

lost, and through Him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God; Most heartily we beseech Thee so to bless and govern the children of Thy Church, by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy Word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm giving Thy holy Angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

15.

For the Ministers of the Word.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who alone doest great wonders; Send down upon Thy Ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

16.

ALMIGHTY and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldest send forth laborers into Thy harvest; Of Thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word, and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfill Thy command, and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word; that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well-pleasing to Thee, and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

17.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock; Make, we beseech Thee, all Pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

18.

For the Church in its Conflicts.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth; We beseech Thy glorious Majesty, through Jesus

Christ our Lord and Saviour, impart the grace and help of Thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of Thy Word, that they may purely teach it to the saving of men; bring to nought by Thine Almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, all the counsels of those who hate Thy Word, and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it, and enlighten them with the knowledge of Thy glory; that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may, by a pure faith, learn the riches of Thy heavenly grace, and in holiness and righteousness serve Thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

19.

For those who have Erred.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Whose property it is always to have mercy; We most earnestly beseech Thee to visit with Thy Fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone astray from the truth of Thy holy Word, and to bring them to a due sense of their error, that they may again with hearty faith receive and hold fast Thine unchangeable truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

20.

ALMIGHTY, Merciful, and Gracious God and Father, with our whole heart we beseech Thee for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof, or are in doubt or temptation through the corruptors of Thy Word, that Thou wouldest visit them as a Father, reveal unto them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of Thy Word, may be made wise thereby unto everlasting life; through faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

21.

For Unity.

O GOD, Who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered; Of Thy tender mercy, we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people the grace of Unity, that all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

22.

For the Removal of Schism.

BRING to nought, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert Thy Truth; That as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same Lord, so Thy people, gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith. *Amen.*

23.

For the Jews.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who lovest to show mercy; Hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee for Thine ancient people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

24.

For the Heathen.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live; Hear our prayers for the Heathen; take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God, and to Thine only Son; and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

25.

O MERCIFUL Father in heaven, Who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; We humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and Magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword, as Thy

ministers, bear it according to Thy commandment. En lighten and defend them by Thy Name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance, Thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation, that we, with them, may show forth the praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

26.

For our Enemies.

FORGIVE, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our enemies, and them that despitefully use us, and so change their hearts that they may walk with us in meekness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

27.

O ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who, through Thine Only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us. We earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visitation they may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord, and of one mind and heart with us, and with Thy whole Church; through the same, Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

28.

In time of National Calamity.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto Thee that by our evil doing and continual disobedience, we have deserved these Thy chastisements; But we earnestly beseech Thee, for Thy Name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy, and succor Thy suffering people, that Thy Word may be declared faithfully and without hinderance, and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

29.

LOOK mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people; and let not our sins destroy

us, but let Thine Almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

30.

MOST loving and gracious Lord God, Who for our many grievous sins art pleased sorely to chasten us, we flee to Thy tender and fatherly compassion alone, beseeching Thee that as a father pitieth his children, Thou wouldest pity us miserable sinners. Turn away Thy righteous wrath, and give us not over to deserved death, but deliver us, that we may now and evermore praise Thee, O gracious God and Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

31.

For Prisoners.

ALMIGHTY God, Who didst bring the Apostle Peter forth out of prison; Have mercy upon all who are suffering imprisonment, and set them free from their bonds, that we may rejoice in their deliverance, and continually give praise to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

32.

For Peace and Quietness.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church, that we, being delivered from all adversities, and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS.

33.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak; May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

34.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ, before we enter with Him into eternal Glory; Grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy Holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

35.

ALMIGHTY God, Cast not away Thy people who cry unto Thee in their tribulation; but for the glory of Thy Name, be pleased to succor the afflicted; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

36.

For the Sick.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, the eternal Salvation of them that believe; Hear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy, that being restored to health, they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

37.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit and relieve Thy servants, for whom we offer our supplications; look upon *them* with the eyes of Thy mercy; give *them* comfort and sure confidence in Thee defend *them* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *them* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

38.

For Mothers.

O ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God and Father, Creator of all things, Who by Thy grace, through Thy Son, our Lord, who hath redeemed us from the flesh and sin, makest the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross; We pray Thee, O gracious Father, Lord and

God, that Thou wouldest preserve and guard the work of Thine own hand. Forsake not them who cry to Thee in sore travail, but deliver them out of all their pains. to their joy, and to the glory of Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

39.

In time of Great Sickness.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we, Thine erring children humbly confess unto Thee, that we have justly deserved the chastening, which for our sins Thou hast sent upon us; But we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless goodness to grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us or to lighten our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace as obedient children we may be subject to Thy will, and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

40.

In time of Drought.

O GOD, most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to open the windows of heaven, and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither; graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity, that we may praise and glorify Thy Name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

41.

In time of Unseasonable Weather.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who art gracious and merciful, and hast promised that Thou wilt hear us when we call upon Thee in our troubles: We beseech Thee, look not upon our sins and evil doings, but upon our necessities, and according to Thy mercy send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may in due time yield her increase; that by Thy goodness we may receive our daily bread, and learn to know Thee as a merciful God, and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

42

O LORD God, heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts.and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil: Grant us we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that acknowledging with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

43.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul; Give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

44.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who in Thy fatherly wisdom has chastened us on account of our sins, that we might not continue in impenitence and vain confidence, and thus perish with the ungodly; in the midst of wrath Thou hast remembered mercy, and hast graciously delivered us out of our affliction. We give Thee therefore most hearty thanks and praise, that Thou hast turned away from us Thy just anger, and shown Thyself favorable toward us Thine unworthy servants. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Thou Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Glory be to Thee, O God, forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

45.

GLORY be to Thee, O God Most Holy. Glory be to Thee, O God Most High. Glory be to Thee, O King of heaven and earth, Who, as a father pitieth his children, pitiest us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy

Ghost, that when Thou shalt render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before Thee, through Him who hath redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS AND GRACES.

46.

For Protection During the Day.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power: and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

47.

For Protection during the Night.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy Only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

48.

For Grace to use our Gifts.

O LORD God Almighty, Who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, Leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them alway to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

49.

For Grace to receive the Word.

BLESSED Lord, Who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may

in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

50.

For Grace to be led into all Truth.

ENLIGHTEN our minds, we beseech Thee, O God, by the Spirit which proceedeth from Thee; that as Thy Son hath promised, we may be led into all truth; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

51.

For Spiritual Renewal.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us Thy Only-Begotten Son to take our nature upon Him; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption, and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*

52.

For Penitence.

MERCIFUL Father, Give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend Thy Divine Majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offence, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, solely through the merits of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

53.

For Pardon.

HEAR, we beceech Thee, O Lord, the prayer of Thy suppliants, and spare those who confess their sins unto Thee, that Thou mayest bestow upon us both pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

54.

For Deliverance from Sin.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy clemency to show us Thine unspeakable mercy; that Thou mayest both

set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins, we deserve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

55.

For Grace to do God's Will.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

56.

For Grace to love and serve God.

O GOD, Who, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of Thy faithful people; Grant unto Thy servants health both of mind and body, that they may love Thee with their whole strength, and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

57.

For Aid against Temptation.

O GOD, Who justifiest the ungodly, and who desirest not the death of the sinner; We humbly implore Thy Majesty, that Thou wouldest graciously assist, by Thy heavenly aid, and evermore shield with Thy protection, Thy servants who trust in Thy mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from Thee, and, without ceasing, may serve Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

58.

For Faith.

ALMIGHTY and Everliving God, Who hast given to them that believe exceeding great and precious promises; Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

59.

For Divine Guidance and Help.

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

60.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

61.

For Spiritual Illumination.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the brightness of Thy glory may shine forth upon us, and that the light of Thy light by the illumination of the Holy Spirit may stablish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Thy grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

62.

For Likeness to Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given Thine Only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

63.

For a Right Knowledge of Christ.

O ALMIGHTY God, Whom to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

64.

For the Holy Spirit.

O LORD God, heavenly Father, Who by the blessed light of Thy divine Word hast led us to the knowledge of Thy Son; We most heartily beseech Thee so to replenish us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may ever walk in the light of Thy truth and rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ our Saviour, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

65.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh, and to overcome the world; and serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

66.

For Purity.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

67.

For Innocency of Life.

O GOD, Whose strength is made perfect in weakness, Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and the constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

68.

For Love to God.

O God, Who makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee; Pour into our hearts such steadfast love toward Thee, that the pure desires which

by Thy Spirit have been stirred up in us, may not be turned aside by any temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

69.

For Charity.

O LORD, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send Thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of Charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thine Only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

70.

For Humility.

O GOD, Who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble; Grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine Only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

71.

For Patience.

O GOD, Who by the meek endurance of Thine Only-Begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old enemy: Help us, we beseech Thee rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes; that after His example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

72.

For a Happy Death.

CONFIRM, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, Thine unworthy servants in Thy grace; that in the hour of our death the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

73.

For the Blessedness of Heaven.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who didst give Thine Only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come;

Hereafter grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the Blessed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

74.

For Peace.

O GOD, Who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

75.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

76.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

77.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's Name; We beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GENERAL PRAYERS.

I.

THE LITANY.

The Litany *may be used at* Evening Service *on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at* Morning Service *on Sundays when there is no Communion. The Responses in italics should be sung or said by the Congregation. The Responses may be repeated after each phrase, or only at the end of each group, as here followeth:*

LORD, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
O God, the Father in heaven;
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O God, the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon us.
Be gracious unto us.
Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious unto us.
Help us, good Lord.
From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil:
Good Lord, deliver us.
From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver us.
By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;

By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter
Help us, good Lord.
In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the day of judgment;
Help us, good Lord.
We poor sinners do beseech Thee;
To hear us, O Lord God.
And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church;
To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church, in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offence;
To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet;
To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;
To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;
To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;
And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
To give to all nations peace and concord;
To preserve our country from discord and contention;
To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies;
To direct and defend our President, and all in authority;
And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people:
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;
To protect all who travel by land or water;
To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;
To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;
To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;
And to have mercy upon all men:
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;
And graciously to hear our prayers:
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;
We beseech Thee to hear us good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
Grant us Thy peace.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us, Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Minister, and the Congregration with him, say the* Lord's Prayer, *after which may be said one or more of the* Litany Collects *here following.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

LITANY COLLECTS.

1.

M. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
C. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live; We beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

M. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of

Thy name.

C. Deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, Who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church; Hear our prayers for all members of the same and mercifully grant, that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

M. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, Who despiseth not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by Thy good providence, be brought to naught; that we Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

M. O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

C. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

ALMIGHTY God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

M. Call upon Me in the day of trouble.

C. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

SPARE us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved, may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

For Peace.

M. The Lord will give strength unto His people.

C. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.

THE SUFFRAGES.

¶ *The* Suffrages *may be used at* Early *or* Evening Service *in the same manner as the* Litany.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
I said; O Lord, be merciful unto me;
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.
Return, O Lord, how long?
And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us;
According as we hope in Thee.
Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
O Lord, save our rulers;
Let the King hear us when we call.
Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.
Remember thy congregation;
Which Thou hast purchased of old.
Peace be within thy walls;
And prosperity within thy palaces.
Let us pray for our absent brethren.
O Thou, our God, save Thy servants that trust in Thee.
Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives;
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Send them help from the Sanctuary;
And strengthen them out of Zion.
Hear my prayer, O Lord;
And let my cry come unto Thee.

¶ *Then may be said responsively, by the Minister and Congregation the Psalm* De Profundis *at* Early Morning Service, *and at* Evening Service *the Psalm* Miserere Mei.

Ps. cxxx. *De Profundis.*

Out of the depths have I cried:
Unto the O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities:
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee
That Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait:
And in His Word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.
Let Israel hope in the Lord:
For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.
And He shall redeem Israel:
From all his iniquities.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

¶ *Or at* Evening Service.

Ps. ii. *Miserere mei.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight;

That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness:
That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins:
And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways:
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips:
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt-offering and whole burnt offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Then shall be said:*

Turn us again, O God of hosts,
Cause Thy face to shine and we shall be saved.

Arise, O Christ, for our help;
And redeem us for Thy mercy's sake.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
And let my cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

¶ *Then may the Minister say a* Collect *for the Season and any other suitable* Collects, *and after that he may say this* Collect *for peace.*

Give peace in our days, O Lord:
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, except Thou, our God.
O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength:
And abundance in Thy towers.
Let us pray.

O GOD, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto Thy servants that peace, which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung or said the*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

III.

THE MORNING SUFFRAGES.

¶ *To be said at* Early Morning Service, *or in the* Morning Prayer of the Household.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say the* Lord's Prayer *and the* Apostles' Creed:

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily

bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell: The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord:
And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.
Let my mouth be filled with thy praise:
And with Thy honor all the day.
O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:
And blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me, O God, a clean heart:
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence:
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:
To keep us without sin.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
As our trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
And let my cry come unto Thee.
The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the prayer here following, or No. 46, or No. 60 of the* Collects *and* Prayers, *or any other suitable prayer.*

We give thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected us through the night from all danger and harm; and we beseech Thee to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all our thoughts, words and deeds, we may serve and please Thee. Into

Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

IV.

THE EVENING SUFFRAGES.

¶ *To be used at* Evening Service, *or at the* Evening Prayer of the Household.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then shall all say:*

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers:
And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.
Bless we the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
We praise and magnify Him forever.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

And greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever.

The Almighty and Merciful Lord, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night:
To keep us without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
As our trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
And let my cry come unto Thee.
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall be said the prayer here following, or No.* 47 *of the* Collects *and* Prayers, *or any other suitable prayer.*

WE give thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that thou hast this day so graciously protected us,and we beseech Thee to forgive us all our sins, and the wrong which we have done, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into Thy hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning us, that the wicked one have no power over us. *Amen.*

Benedicamus.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

V.

THE BIDDING PRAYER.

¶ *By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.*

BRETHREN, let us pray for the whole *Christian Church*, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hast revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the word of His truth; Keep, we beseech Thee, in safety the

works of Thy mercy, that so Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve Thee in true faith, and persevere in the confession of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *Ministers* of the Word for all *estates* of men in the Church, and for all the *people of God.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *Catechumens*, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who dost always multiply Thy Church, and with Thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom Thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them Thy covenant and faithfulness; Grant unto our Catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their Baptism and really and heartily renew their covenant with Thee. *Amen.*

Let us pray *for all in authority*, and especially for the government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O MERCIFUL Father in heaven, Who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world; We humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and magistrates, and all the Rulers of the earth; that all who receive the sword, as Thy ministers, may bear it according to Thy commandment; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all *error*, take away *disease*, ward off *famine*, open the *prisons*, set free *those in bondage*,

grant a safe return to the *wayfarers*, health to the *sick*, and to our mariners a harbor of security.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak; May the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be offered prayers for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen. See* Collects and Prayers 19-24.

Let us pray for *peace*, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word, and walk before Him as becometh Christians.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace, and the author of all concord; Grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve Thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of Thy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *enemies*, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation.

O ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Who through Thine Only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us; We earnestly beseech Thee, that by Thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart, with us and with Thy whole Christian Church; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *fruits of the earth*, that God would send down His blessing upon them, and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy will.

O LORD, Father Almighty, Who by Thy Word hast created and dost bless and uphold all things; We pray Thee so to reveal unto us Thy Word our Lord Jesus Christ, that He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made meet to receive Thy blessing on

all the fruits of the earth, and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

OUR Father, Who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy-will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VI.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise Thee, especially, that Thou hast preserved unto us, in their purity, Thy saving Word, and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto Thy holy Church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine, and faithful pastors who shall preach Thy Word with power; and help all who hear, rightly to understand, and truly to believe the same. Be Thou the Protector and Defender of Thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Thy Church, and in brotherly unity with all our fellow-Christians, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat Thee to bless our land, and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause Thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end, we commend to Thy care all our schools, and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and of christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper every one in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and the fath-

erless children, the Helper of the sick and the needy and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions and Prayers may be made.*

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work which Thou hast given us to do while it is day; before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power, and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: that walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer unto Thee our common supplications for the good estate of Thy Church throughout the world; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace, and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee, with Thy favor to behold the President [and Congress] of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with Thy grace, that they may always incline to Thy will, and

walk in Thy way. Prosper all good counsels and all just works that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us throughout all generations.

We humbly entreat Thee also for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or water; to succor all that are in peril or need; and to satisfy the wants of all Thy creatures.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

¶ *Here special Supplications, Intercessions and Prayers may be made.*

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALMS.

Psalm i. *Beatus vir.*

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly: nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water: that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm ii. *Quare fremuerunt gentes.*

WHY do the heathen rage: and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the LORD, and against his Anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall He speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king: upon my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten Thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear: and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little: blessed are they that put their trust in him.

Psalm vi. *Domine ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but Thou, O Lord, how long?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh save me for thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim: I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The LORD hath heard my supplication: the LORD will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

Psalm viii. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth: Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels: and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands: thou hast put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of sea: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord: how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm xvi. *Conserva me, Domine.*

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;

But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent: in whom is all my delight.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied: that hasten after another god;

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer: nor take up their names into my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm xviii. *Diligam te, Domine.*

I WILL love thee: O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer: my God, my strength, in whom I will trust: my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me; and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares

of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD: and cried unto my God.

He heard my voice out of his temple: and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet.

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place: his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed: hailstones and coals of fire.

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice: hailstones and coals of fire.

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them: and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered: at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

He sent from above, he took me: he drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD: and have not wickedly departed from my God.

For all his judgments were before me: and I did not put away his statutes from me.

I was also upright before him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according

to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful: with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure: and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

For by thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried; he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the LORD: or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people: and thou hast made me the head of the heathen.

A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the

strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away: and be afraid out of their close places.

The LORD liveth, and blessed be my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

It is God that avengeth me: and subdueth the people under me.

He delivered me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me; thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen: and sing praises unto thy name.

Great deliverance giveth he to his king, and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed forevermore.

Psalm xix. *Coeli enarrant.*

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth: and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which is a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors: cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight; O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm xxi. *Domine, in virtute tua.*

THE king shall joy in thy strengh, O LORD: and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked life of thee and thou gavest it him; even length of days for ever and ever.

His glory is great in thy salvation: honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

For the king trusteth in the LORD: and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back: when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them.

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Psalm xxii. *Deus, Deus, meus.*

MY GOD, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy: O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head; saying,

He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near: for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

They gaped upon me with their mouths: as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed me; the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me; they pierced my hands and my feet.

I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

I will delcare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him: and fear him all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted: neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him; your heart shall live forever.

And the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

All they that be fat upon the earth: shall eat and worship.

All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born: that he hath done this.

Psalm xxiii. *Dominus regit me.*

THE LORD is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalm xxiv. *Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm XXV. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

UNTO thee, O LORD do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait upon thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me thy ways, O LORD: teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindesses; for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquities: for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the LORD: him shall he teach in the way that he shall chose.

His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

Psalm xxvii. *Dominus illuminatio.*

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear; the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me: he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me: put not thy servant away in anger.

Thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: then the LORD will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O LORD: and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm xxviii. *Ad te, Domine.*

UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee: when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds: and according to the wickedness of their endeavors.

Give them after the work of their hands: render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hand: he shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Blessed be the LORD: because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusteth in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The LORD is their strength: and he is the saving strength of his anointed.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Psalm xxx. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I WILL extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.

O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said: I shall never be moved.

LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit: Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

Thou hast turned me from my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent: O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever.

Psalm xxxii. *Beati, quorum.*

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence: my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee: and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxiii. *Exultate, justi.*

REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song: play skillfully with a loud noise.

For the word of the LORD is right: and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: he layeth up the depth in s[illegible]houses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done: he commanded and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven: he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh: upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth their hearts alike: he considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him: upon them that hope in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us: according as we hope in thee.

Psalm xxxiv. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I WILL bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me: and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life: and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good: seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous: and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Psalm xxxvi. *Dixit injustus.*

THE transgression of the wicked saith within my heart; that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own eyes: until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.

He deviseth mischief upon his bed: he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house: and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Let not the fooot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

Psalm xl. *Expectans expectavi.*

I WAITED patiently for the LORD: and he inclined unto me and heard my voice.

He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set my feet upon a rock; and established my goings.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust: aud respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee.

If I would declare and speak of them: they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth; from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of mine head; therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame; that say unto me, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say coutinually, The LORD be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: yet the LORD thinketh upon me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm xliii. *Judica me, Deus.*

JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why dost thou cast me off: why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm xlv. *Eructavit cor meum.*

MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee forever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty: with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness: and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under thee.

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

King's daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the right among the people shall entreat thy favor.

The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Psalm xlvi. *Deus noster refugium.*

GOD is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD: what desolations he hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm xlvii. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O CLAP your hands all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us: the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.

God is gone up with a shout: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even

the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God; he is greatly exalted.

Psalm xlviii. *Magnus Dominus.*

GREAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion: on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces: for a refuge.

For, lo, the kings were assembled: they passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marvelled: they were troubled, and hastened away.

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain: as of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish: with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad: because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm lvi. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

BE merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he fighting daily oppresseth me.

Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most High.

What time I am afraid; I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word: in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves: they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity: in thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings; put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psalm lxv. *Te decet hymnus.*

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea.

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power.

Which stilleth the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest them corn: when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm lxvi. *Jubilate Deo.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say unto God, how terrible art thou in thy works: through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee: they shall sing to thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot; there did we rejoice in him.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

Which holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net: thou laidst afflictions upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams : I will offer bullocks with goats.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God : and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth : and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart : the LORD will not hear me.

But verily God hath heard me : he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God which hath not turned away my prayer : nor his mercy from me.

Psalm lxvii. *Deus misereatur.*

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy : for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase : and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm lxviii. *Exurgat Deus.*

LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered : let them also that hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away : as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad ; let them rejoice before God : yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises unto his name : extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families; he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people: when thou didst march through the wilderness.

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain: whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Thy congregation has dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

The LORD gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Though ye have lain among the pots yet, shall ye be as the wings of a dove: covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings in it: it was white as snow in Salmon.

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan: a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in: yea, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive, thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the LORD belong the issues from death.

But God shall wound the head of his enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

The LORD said, I will bring again from Bashan: I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea.

That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

They have seen thy goings, O God: even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

Bless ye God in the congregations: even the LORD, from the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council: the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

Because of thy temple at Jerusalem: shall kings bring presents unto thee.

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war.

Princes shall come out of Egypt: Etheopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old: lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God, his excellency is over Israel: and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Psalm lxxii. *Deus, judicium.*

GIVE the king thy judgments, O God: and thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He shall judge thy people with righteousness: and the poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy: and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure: throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea: and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall spare the poor and needy; and shall save the souls of the needy.

He shall redeem their souls from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba; prayer also shall be made for him continually, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel: who only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be his glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm lxxvii. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I CRIED unto God with my voice: even unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old: the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off forever: and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever: doth his promise fail forevermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious: hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most high.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work: and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that dost wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God the waters saw thee: they were afraid: the depths were also troubled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters; and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like a flock: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm lxxxv. *Benediristi, Domine.*

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

Turn us, O God of our salvation: and cause thine anger towards us to cease.

Wilt thou be angry with us forever: wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O LORD: and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not again turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him: and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm lxxxvi. *Inclina, Domine.*

BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble will I call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord: neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord: and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me: and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before them.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: long suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Psalm lxxxvii. *Fundamenta ejus.*

HIS foundation: is in the holy mountains.
The LORD loveth the gates of Zion: more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee: O city of God.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon: to them that know me.

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: this man was born there.

And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count when he writeth up the people: that this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

Psalm lxxxix. *Misericordias Domini.*

I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD, for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant.

Thy seed will I establish for ever: and build up thy throne to all generations.

And the heaven shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee: or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arms.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence: and the Holy one of Israel is our King.

Then thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.

With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

And I will beat down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand also in the sea: and his right hand in the rivers.

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him my firstborn: higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgments;

If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: then will I visit their transgression with the rod; and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: once have I sworn by my holiness, that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure for ever: and his throne as the sun before me.

It shall be established forever as the moon: and as a faithful witness in heaven.

But thou hast cast off and abhorred: thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

Thou hast broken down all his hedges: thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries: thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword: and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Thou hast made his glory to cease: and cast his throne down to the ground.

The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame.

How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever shall thy wrath burn like fire?

Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses: which thou swearest unto David in thy truth?

Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants: how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;

Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed: blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Psalm xc. *Domine refugium.*

LORD, thou hast been our dwellingplace: in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hast formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as asleeep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

For we are consumed by thine anger: and by thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee: our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are three score years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years: yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of thine anger: even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long: and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad in our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants: and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm xci. *Qui habitat.*

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD which is my refuge: even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee: neither shall any, plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him my salvation.

Psalm xcii. *Bonum est confiteri.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD: and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;

To show forth thy lovingkindness in the moring: and thy faithfulness every night.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O LORD, how great are thy works: and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not: neither doth a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish: it is that they shall be destroyed for ever; but thou, LORD, art most high for evermore.

For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD: shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the LORD is upright; he is my rock: and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm xciii. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is established: that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, forever.

Psalm xcv. *Venite exultemus.*

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto him with Psalms.

For the LORD is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: it is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I sware in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

Psalm xcvii. *Dominus regnavit.*

THE Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

A fire goeth before him: and burneth up his enemies round about.

His lightenings enlightened the world: the earth saw and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness: and all the people see his glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him all ye gods.

Zion heard, and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou are exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous: and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm xcviii. *Cantate Domino.*

O SING unto the LORD a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

His right hand, and his holy arm: hath gotten him the victory.

The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the LORD with the harp: with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before the LORD: for he cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world: and the people with equity.

Psalm c. *Jubilate Deo.*

MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness, come before his presence with singing.

Know ye the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gate with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm ciii. *Benedic, anima mea.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment: for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses: his acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious: slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west: so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame : he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him ; and his righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep his covenant: and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens: and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength: that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts: ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm civ. *Benedic anima mea.*

BLESS the LORD, O my soul: O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty;

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain ;

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot ; who walketh upon the wings of the wind :

Who maketh his angel spirits : his ministers a flaming fire ;

Who laid the foundation of the earth: that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of thy thunder they hastened away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys. unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over: that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys: which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation: which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle: and herb for the service of man;

That he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the LORD are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey: and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together: and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour: until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan: whom thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cx. *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord at thy right hand: shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: he shall wound the heads over many countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Psalm cxi. *Confitebor tibi.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth forever.

Psalm cxiii. *Laudate, pueri.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD: praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the LORD'S name is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high: who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifted the needy out of the dunghill;

That he may set him with princes: even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxv. *Non nobis Domine.*

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory: for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say: Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

They have mouths but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not;

They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us; he will bless us: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the LORD: both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD: neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD.

Psalm cxvi. *Dilexi quoniam.*

I LOVE the LORD: because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD: in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken; I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the LORD; for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now: in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD: is the death of his saints.

O LORD, truly I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now, in the presence of all his people: in the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxvii. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations: praise him all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxviii. *Confitemini Domino.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the LORD say: that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my strength and song: and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

This gate of the LORD: into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee, for thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused: is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the LORD's doing: it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm cxix. *Beati immaculati.*

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us; to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed: to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed: when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart; when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

II. *In quo corrigit?*

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart: that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared: all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies: as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts: and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

III. *Retriebue servo tuo.*

Deal bountifully with thy servant: that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes: that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing: that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed: which do err from thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight: and my counsellors.

IV. *Adhæsit pavimento.*

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

V. *Legem pone.*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

Stablish thy word unto thy servant: who is devoted to thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VI. *Et veniat super me.*

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD: even thy salvation, according to thy word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth: for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually: for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in thy commandments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in thy statutes.

VII. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

Remember the word unto thy servant: upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD: and have comforted myself.

Horror hath taken hold upon me: because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night: and have kept thy law.

This I had: because I kept thy precepts.

VIII. *Portio mea Domine.*

Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

I entreated thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

I thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste and delayed not: to keep thy commandments.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear thee: and of them that keep thy precepts.

The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

IX. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant: O LORD, according unto thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me thy statutes.

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in thy law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statutes.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

X. *Manus tuæfecerunt me.*

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in the word.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right: and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

Let those that fear thee turn unto me: and those that have known thy testimonies.

Let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.

XI. *Deficit anima mea.*

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word: saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget thy statues.

How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

Quicken me after thy lovingkindness: so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

XII. *In æternum Domine.*

For ever, O LORD: thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Unless thy law had been my delight: I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

XIII. *Quomodo dilexi.*

O how love I thy law: it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients: because I keep thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I might keep thy word.

I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

How sweet are thy words unto my taste: yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

XIV. *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

I have sworn and I will perform it: that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD: and teach me thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always: even unto the end.

XV. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto thy word; that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of thee: and I am afraid of thy judgments.

XVI. *Feci judicium.*

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for thy salvation: and for the word of thy righteousness.

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy: and teach me thy statutes.

I am thy servant; give me understanding: that I may know thy testimonies.

It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

XVII. *Mirabilia.*

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not thy law.

XVIII. *Justus es, Domine.*

Righteous art thou, O LORD: and upright are thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded: are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: yet do I not forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

XIX. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I cried with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

I cried unto thee: save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might meditate in thy word.

Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

Thou art near, O LORD: and all thy commandments are truth.

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old: that thou hast founded them forever.

XX. *Vide humilitatem.*

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they see not thy statutes.

Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved: because they kept not thy word.

Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

XXI. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I rejoice in thy word: as one that findeth great spoil.

I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee: because of thy righteous judgments.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation: and done thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

XXII. *Appropinquet deprecatio.*

Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise: when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD: and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee: and let thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep, seek thy servant: for I do not forget thy commandments.

Psalm cxxi. *Levavi oculos.*

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh mine help.

My help cometh from the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm cxxii. *Lætatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee,

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the LORD our God: I will seek thy good.

Psalm cxxiv. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

IF it had not been the LORD who was on our side : now may Israel say ;

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side: when men rose up against us;

Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us.

Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul. Blessed be the LORD: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of a snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm cxxv. *Qui confidunt.*

THEY that trust in the LORD: shall be as mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even forever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good: and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways: the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

Psalm cxxvi, *In convertendo.*

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the heathen: The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad

Turn again our captivity, O LORD: as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm cxxx. *De profundis.*

OUT of the depths: have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee: that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait: and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

Psalm cxxxii. *Memento Domine.*

LORD, remember David: and all his afflictions;
How he sware unto the LORD: and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house: nor go up into my bed;

I will not give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,

Until I find out a place for the LORD: a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Arise, O LORD, into thy rest: thou, and the ark of thy strength.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let thy saints shout for joy.

For thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of thine anointed.

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David: he will not turn from it;

Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them: their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion: he hath desired it for his habitation.

This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm cxxxvi. *Confitemini.*

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

The sun to rule by day: for his merey endureth for ever;

The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:

And brought out Israel free among them: for his mercy endureth for ever;

With a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm: for his mercy endureth forever.

To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever;

But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth forever;

Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever.

And Og the King of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever;

And gave their land for a heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Even a heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth forever;

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm cxxxviii *Confitebor tibi.*

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me: and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD: when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever; forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psalm cxxxix. *Domine, probasti.*

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me: thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue: but lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in thy book all my members were written.

Which in continuance were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against thee wickedly: and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies,

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm cxliii. *Domine exaudi.*

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works: I muse on the work of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies: and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant.

Psalm cxlv. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty: and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness: and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion: slow to anger and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts: and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee: and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways: and holy in all his works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him: to to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm cxlvi. *Lauda, anima mea.*

PRAISE ye the LORD: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes: nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxlvii. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD, for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars: he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth: who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food: and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him: in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm cxlviii. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him all ye stars of light.

Praise him ye heaven of heavens: and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the LORD from the earth: ye dragons and all deeps.

Fire, and hail; snow and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word;

Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all cedars;

Beasts, and all cattle: creeping things, and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth, and all people: princes and all judges of the earth

Both young men, and maidens: old men and children;

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints: even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD,

Psalm cl. *Laudate Dominum.*

PRAISE ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD Praise ye the LORD.

HYMNS.

I. SUNDAY.

1 Iambic. 8, 7.

ALL glory be to God on high,
Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh,
The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men,
And peace shall reign on earth again;
O thank Him for His goodness!

2 We praise, we worship Thee, we trust,
And give Thee thanks forever,
O Father, that Thy rule is just,
And wise, and changes never:
Thy boundless power o'er all things reigns,
Done is whate'er Thy will ordains;
Well for us that Thou rulest!

3 O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son
Of God, Thy heavenly Father,
Who didst for all our sins atone
And the lost sheep dost gather,
Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high,
From out our depths, we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

4 O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift,
Thou Comforter unfailing,
O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift,
And let Thy power availing

Avert our woes and calm our dread;
For us the Saviour's blood was shed,
We trust in Thee to save us!

2 7, 6.

ABIDE, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Thy grace,
That Satan may not harm us,
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heavenly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Thy truth direct, and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Thy Word.

5 Abide with Thy protection
Among us, Lord our Strength;
Lest world and Satan fell us,
And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Saviour,
Among us with Thy love,
Grant steadfastness, and help us
To reach our home above.

3 C. M.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend,
And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove ;
But give it root in every heart,
To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy;
But let it yield a hundred fold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Thy quickening grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive,
Its saving power may know.

4 7, 8, 8.

BLESSED Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee;
By Thy teachings sweet and holy
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded;
Thou alone to God canst win us,
Thou must work all good within us.

3 Glorious Lord, Thyself impart !
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open Thou our ears and heart,
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading,
Hear the cry Thy people raises,
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration !

Grant that we Thy word may trust,
And obtain true consolation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

5 8, 7.

LORD, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:
May Thy presence
With us evermore be found.

3 So, whene'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,
Glad the summons to obey,
May we, ready,
Rise and reign in endless day.

6 L. M.

LORD Jesus Christ, to us attend,
Thy Holy Spirit to us send,
With grace to rule us day by day,
And lead us in true wisdom's way.

2 Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our hearts in true devotion raise,
Our faith increase, and grant us light,
That we may know thy name aright;

3 Until we join the hosts that cry,
"Holy art Thou, O Lord most High!"
And 'mid the light of that blest place
Shall gaze upon Thee face to face.

4 Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O Holy Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

7 H. M.

LORD of the worlds above,
How pleasant and how fair
The dwellings of Thy love,
Thine earthly temples are!
To Thine abode | With warm desires
My heart aspires, | To see my God.

2 O happy souls, that pray
Where God appoints to hear!
O happy men, that pay
Their constant service there!
They praise Thee still; | That love the way
And happy they | To Zion's hill.

3 They go from strength to strength
Through this dark vale of tears,
Till each arrives at length,
Till each in heaven appears.
O glorious seat, | Shall thither bring
When God our King | Our willing feet!

8 L. M

LORD, open Thou my heart to hear,
And by Thy Word to me draw near,
Let me Thy Word still pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain.

2 Thy Word doth move the inmost heart,
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,
Thy Word brings peace and blessedness.

3 Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!

9 8, 7.

MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

2 Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.

10 7s.

NOW may He who from the dead
Brought the Shepherd of the sheep,
Jesus Christ, our King and Head,
All our souls in safety keep.

2 May He teach us to fulfill
What is pleasing in His sight;
Perfect us in all His will,
And preserve us day and night.

3 To that dear Redeemer's praise,
Who the covenant sealed with blood,
Let our hearts and voices raise
Loud thanksgivings to our God.

11 7, 8, 8.

NOW our worship sweet is o'er—
Singing, praying, teaching, hearing,
Let us gladly God adore
For His gracious strength and cheering.

Praise our God, who fain would save us,
For the rich repast He gave us.

2 Now the Blessing cheers our heart,
And the service all is ended,
Let us joyfully depart,—
Be our souls to God commended.
May His Spirit ever guide us,
And with all things well provide us.

3 Let our going out be blest,
Bless our entrance in like measure ;
Bless, O Lord, our toil and rest,
Bless our bread, our grief and pleasure,
Be in death Thy blessing given,
And make us blest heirs of heaven.

12 H. M.

ON what has now been sown,
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow ;
The power is Thine alone
To make it spring and grow :
Do Thou the gracious harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise.

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our powers,
Accept what is Thine own,
And pardon what is ours :
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,
Who meet before Thee here,
May meet together thus,
When Thou and Thine appear,
And follow Thee to heaven our home ;
E'en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come !

13 C. M.

THIS is the day the Lord hath made;
He calls the hours His own:
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

2 To-day He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints His triumph spread,
And all His wonders tell.

3 Hosanna to th' anointed King,
To David's holy Son;
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Thy throne.

4 Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God His Father's name,
To save our sinful race.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

14 L. M.

THY presence, gracious God, afford,
Prepare us to receive Thy Word;
Now let Thy voice engage our ear,
And faith be mixed with what we hear.

2 Distracting thoughts and cares remove,
And fix our hearts and hopes above;
With food divine may we be fed,
And satisfied with living bread.

3 To us the sacred Word apply
With sovereign power and energy;

And may we, in Thy faith and fear,
Reduce to practice what we hear.

4 Father, in us Thy Son reveal;
Teach us to know and do Thy will;
Thy saving power and love display,
And guide us to the realms of day.

II. ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

15 L. M.

AGAIN is come the new church-year;
Rejoice, all Christians, far and near!
Thy King, O Zion, comes to Thee,
Therefore rejoice eternally!
Hallelujah!

2 Now in our midst anew are heard
The lessons of God's gracious Word,
Which shows the way to life in heaven.
For this all praise to God be given!
Hallelujah!

3 What we are taught by Thy true Word,
By which our faith is strengthened, Lord,
Let that abide in us, that we
May render endless praise to Thee.
Hallelujah!

16 7, 6.

A GREAT and mighty wonder
Our Christmas Festal brings:
On earth, a lowly Infant,
Behold the King of kings!

2 The Word is made incarnate,
Descending from on high;
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds, from the sky.

3 And we with them triumphant,
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!"

4 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains!
Ye oceans, clap your hands!

5 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethlehem,
The Saviour and the Lord!

6 And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield His scepter,
Our Lord and God for aye.

17 8, 6, 6.

ALL my heart this night rejoices,
As I hear | Far and near
Sweetest angel voices;
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing,
Till the air | Everywhere,
Now with joy is ringing.

2 Forth to-day the Conqu'ror goeth,
Who the foe, | Sin and woe,
Death and hell o'erthroweth,
God is man, man to deliver,
His dear Son | Now is one
With our blood forever.

3 Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
Who to save | Freely gave
Us His dearest treasure?
To redeem us, He hath given
His own Son | From the throne
Of His might in heaven.

4 Should He, who Himself imparted,
Aught withhold | From the fold,
Leave us broken-hearted ?
Should the Son of God not love us,
Who to cheer | Suff'rers here
Left His throne above us ?

5 If our blessed Lord and Maker
Hated men, | Would He then
Be of flesh partaker ?
If He in our woe delighted,
Would He bear | All the care
Of our race benighted ?

6 He becomes the Lamb that taketh
Sin away, | And for aye
Full atonement maketh.
For our life His own He tenders,
And our race, | By His grace,
Meet for glory renders.

7 Hark ! a voice from yonder manger,
Soft and sweet, | Doth entreat :
"Flee from woe and danger ;
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you,
You are freed | All you need
I will surely give you."

8 Come, then, banish all your sadness,
One and all, | Great and small,
Come with songs of gladness ;
Love Him who with love is glowing.
Hail the Star | Near and far
Light and joy bestowing !

9 Ye whose anguish knew no measure,
Weep no more, | See the door
To celestial pleasure.
Cling to Him, for He will guide you
Where no cross, | Pain or loss,
Can again betide you.

10 Hither come, ye heavy-hearted,
Who for sin, | Deep within,
Long and sore have smarted;
For the poisoned wounds you're feeling
Help is near, | One is here
Mighty for their healing.

11 Hither come, ye poor and wretched,
Know His will | Is to fill
Every hand outstretched;
Here are riches without measure,
Here forget | All regret,
Fill your hearts with treasure.

12 Let me in my arms receive Thee,
On Thy breast | Let me rest,
Saviour, ne'er to leave Thee!
Since Thou hast Thyself presented
Now to me, | I shall be
Evermore contented.

13 Guilt no longer can distress me;
Son of God, | Thou my load
Bearest to release me.
Stain in me Thou findest never;
I am clean, | All my sin
Is removed forever.

14 I am pure, in Thee believing,
From Thy store | Evermore
Richest robes receiving.
In my heart I will enfold Thee,
Treasure rare, | Let me there
Loving ever hold Thee!

15 Thee, O Lord, with heed I'll cherish,
While I've breath, | Nor shall death
My devotion perish;
I shall dwell with Thee forever,
Far on high, | In the joy
That can alter never

18 8, 7, 8, 8, 4.

ALL praise to Jesus' hallowed name,
Who of virgin pure became
True man for us! The angels sing,
As the glad news to earth they bring.
Have mercy, Lord.

2 Th' eternal Father's only Son
For a manger leaves His throne;
Disguised in our poor flesh and blood
Is now the everlasting Good.
Have mercy, Lord.

3 He whom the world could not inclose
Doth in Mary's lap repose.
He is become an infant small,
Who by His might upholdeth all.
Have mercy, Lord.

4 Th' eternal Light, come down from heaven,
Hath to us new sunshine given;
It shineth in the midst of night,
And maketh us the sons of light.
Have mercy, Lord.

5 The Father's Son, God ever blest,
In the world became a guest;
He leads us from this vale of tears,
And makes us in His kingdom heirs.
Have mercy, Lord.

6 He came to earth despised and poor,
Man to pity and restore,
And make us rich in heaven above,
Equal with angels through His love.
Have mercy, Lord

7 All this He did, that He might prove
To us sinners His great love:

For this let Christendom adore
And praise His name forevermore.
Have mercy, Lord.

19 7, 6, 7, 6, 6, 7, 7, 6.

ARISE, sons of the kingdom!
The King is drawing nigh;
Arise, and hail with gladness
The Ruler from on high.
Ye Christians, hasten forth!
Your praise and homage bring Him,
And glad hosannas sing Him;
Naught else your love is worth.

2 Arise, ye drooping mourners!
The King is very near;
Away with grief and sorrow,
For lo! your Help is here.
Behold, in many a place—
O blessed consolation!—
We find Him, our Salvation,
In His pure means of grace.

3 Arise, ye much afflicted!
The King is now not far;
Rejoice, ye long dejected!
Here comes the Morning Star.
The Lord will give you joy;
Though troubles now distress you,
With comfort He will bless you,
E'en death He will destroy.

4 Now hear, ye bold transgressors,
The King does well give heed
To all that ye are doing,
And to the life ye lead,
Enthralled by sin and hell;
Nothing in all Creation
Escapes His observation,
He marketh all things well.

5 Be righteous, ye His subjects,
The King is just and true;
Prepare for Him a high-way,
Make all things straight and new.
He means all for our good;
Then let us bear the crosses
Which He Himself imposes,
In an undaunted mood.

6 Though war and conflagration
Take all our goods away:
The Lord is our salvation
And heritage for aye.
E'en though our loved ones die,
Yet are they not forsaken,
But from this world are taken
To live with God on high.

7 Arise, ye poor and needy!
The King provides for you;
He comes with succor speedy,
With mercy ever new.
He who a beast did heed
Lets not His children perish;
All hopes that man may cherish
He can fulfill indeed.

8 He nevermore forsaketh
A child that feels the rod,
Who Him his refuge maketh,
And puts his trust in God.
He is our sovereign King;
E'en death itself shall never
Those from their Master sever
Who to His mercy cling.

9 Arise, ye faint and fearful!
The King now comes with might;
His heart hath long since loved us,
He makes our darkness light.

Now are our sorrows o'er;
No wrath shall e'er befall us,
Since God in grace doth call us
His children evermore.

10 Haste then, with eager footsteps,
To see your Sovereign there!
He rides as King of Zion,
Strong, glorious, meek, and fair.
Draw near the Lord and give
To Him your salutation,
Who bringeth great salvation,
And bids the sinner live.

11 The King in grace remembers
His loved ones here below
With gifts of royal treasures,
Yea, doth Himself bestow
Through His blest Word and grace.
O King, arrayed in splendor,
To Thee all praise we'll render
Here and there face to face.

12 O rich the gifts Thou bring'st us,
Thyself made poor and weak;
O Love beyond expression
That thus can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we
Our joyous tribute bring Thee,
And glad hosannas sing Thee,
And ever grateful be.

20 11s.

COME hither, ye faithful, triumphantly sing;
Come see in the manger our Saviour and King!
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;
O come ye, come hither to worship the Lord!

2 True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;
To be born of a virgin He does not despise:

To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord:
O come ye, come hither to worship the Lord!

3 Hark, hark to the angels all singing in heaven,
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord:
O come ye, come hither to worship the Lord!

4 To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth,
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth.
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!
O come, let us hasten to worship the Lord!

21 7,8,7.

COME, Thou precious Ransom, come!
Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Saviour of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals;
Come in wonted suavity,
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 O great King of glory, come!
Let me be Thy living temple;
Enter Thou into my heart;
Though I am but poor and simple,
Yet my riches then shall be,
That Thou reignest, Lord, in me.

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Saviour, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna! David's Son,
Help, Lord, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our king

22 L. M.

FROM heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.

2 To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

3 This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Saviour be,
From all your sins to make you free

4 He brings those blessings, long ago
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His heavenly Kingdom blest
You may with us forever rest.

5 These are the tokens ye shall mark;
The swaddling-clothes and manger dark;
There shall ye find the young child laid,
By whom the heavens and earth were made.

6 Now let us all with gladsome cheer,
Follow the shepherds, and draw near,
To see the wondrous gift of God,
Who hath His own dear Son bestowed.

7 Give heed, my heart, lift up thine eyes!
What is it in yon manger lies?
Who is this child, so young and fair?
Dear little Jesus lieth there.

8 Welcome to earth, Thou noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
Thou com'st to share my misery,
What thanks shall I return to Thee?

9 Ah! Lord, who hast created all,
How hast Thou made Thee weak and small,
That Thou must choose Thy infant bed,
Where humble cattle lately fed.

10 And were the world ten times as wide,
With gold and jewels beautified,
It would be far too small to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

11 For velvets soft and silken stuff
Thou hast but hay and straw so rough,
Whereon Thou King, so rich and great,
As 'twere Thy heaven, art throned in state.

12 And thus, dear Lord, it pleased Thee,
To make this truth quite plain to me,
That this world's honor, wealth, and might
Are naught and worthless in Thy sight.

13 Ah! dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

14 My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

15 Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth,
A glad New Year to all the earth.

23 7, 6.

HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression,
  To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
  And rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
  To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
  And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing;
  Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
  Were precious in His sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
  Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope like flowers,
  Spring in his path to birth.
Before Him, on the mountains
  Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains,
  From hill to valley flow.

4 For Him shall prayer unceasing
  And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
  A kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
  His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever;
  That name to us is Love.

24 C. M.

HARK, the glad sound, the Saviour comes,
  The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
    And every voice a song.

2 On Him the Spirit, largely poured,
    Exerts His sacred fire;

Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire.

3 He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held ;
The gates of brass before Him burst
The iron fetters yield.

4 He comes, from thickest films of vice
To clear the mental ray,
And on the eyeballs of the blind
To pour celestial day.

5 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
T' enrich the humble poor.

6 Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim ;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

25 7s.

HARK ! the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King ;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled !"

2 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies ;
With th' angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem ! "

3 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord :
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb !

4 Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail, th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

5 Hail, the heavenly Prince of peace,
Hail, the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.

6 Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.

7 Come, Desire of nations, come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
O, to all Thyself impart,
Formed in each believing heart!

26 8, 7.

HARK! what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! th' angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2 Listen to the wondrous story,
Which they chant, in hymns of joy,
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

3 "Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed, and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4 "Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth, His praises sing!
O receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

5 "Hasten, mortals, to adore Him;
Learn His name and taste His joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before Him;
Glory be to God most high!"

6 Let us learn the wondrous story
Of our great Redeemer's birth;
Spread the brightness of His glory,
Till it cover all the earth.

27 C.M.

JOY to the world! the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King:
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makesthe nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

28 7s

LET the earth now praise the Lord,
Who hath truly kept His word,
And the sinners' Help and Friend
Now at last to us doth send.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,

What they longed for many a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

3 Abram's promised great Reward,
Zion's Helper, Jacob's Lord,
Him of twofold race behold,
Truly came, as long foretold.

4 Welcome, O my Saviour, now!
Hail! my Portion, Lord, art thou!
Here, too, in my heart, I pray,
O prepare Thyself a way.

5 King of glory, enter in!
Cleanse it from the filth of sin,
As Thou hast so often done;
It belongs to Thee alone.

6 As Thy coming was in peace,
Noiseless, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
That was ever found in Thee.

7 Comfort my desponding heart;
Thou my Strength and Refuge art.
I am weak, and cunningly
Satan lays his snares for me.

8 Bruise for me the Serpent's head,
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cleave to Thee in faith,
Safely kept through life and death:

9 And when Thou dost come again
As a glorious King to reign,
I with joy may see Thy face,
Truly ransomed by Thy grace.

29 7, 6.

LET us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who to bid our hearts rejoice
His own Son hath given.

2 To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heaven's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.

3 We are rich, for He was poor ;
Is not this a wonder!
Therefore praise God evermore,
Here on earth and yonder!

4 O Lord Christ, our Saviour dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad New Year ;
Amen, Jesus, hear us!

30 8, 8, 6

LIFT up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here;
Life and salvation He doth bring,
Wherefore rejoice, and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now,
Creator, wise art Thou!

2 The Lord is just, a Helper tried,
Mercy is ever at His side,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress,
The end of all our woe He brings;
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Saviour, now,
Mighty in deed art Thou!

3 O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is,
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss
O Comforter divine,
What boundless grace is Thine!

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's supply,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy;
So shall your Sovereign enter in,
And new and nobler life begin;
To Thee, O God, be praise,
For word, and deed, and grace!

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in me reveal;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until our glorious goal be won!
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

31 L. M

NOW praise we Christ, the Holy One,
The spotless virgin Mary's Son,
Far as the blessed sun doth shine,
E'en to the world's remote confine.

2 He who Himself all things did make,
A servant's form vouchsafed to take,
That He as man mankind might win,
And save His creatures from their sin.

3 The grace of God, the mighty Lord,
On the chaste mother was outpoured;

A virgin pure and undefiled
In wondrous wise conceived a child.

4 The holy maid was the abode
And temple of the living God;
For she, who knew not man, was blest
With God's own Word made manifest.

5 The noble mother bare a Son,
For so did Gabriel's promise run,
Whom John confessed, and leapt with joy,
Ere yet the mother knew her boy.

6 In a rude manger, stretched on hay,
In poverty content He lay;
With milk was fed the Lord of all,
Who feeds the ravens when they call.

7 The heavenly choir rejoice, and raise
Their voice to God in songs of praise;
To humble shepherds is proclaimed
The Shepherd who the world hath framed.

8 All honor unto Christ be paid,
Pure offspring of the holy maid,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost.

32 7, 6.

O LORD, how shall I meet Thee,
How welcome Thee aright?
All nations long to greet Thee,
My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, dearest Jesus,
Thy lamp within my breast,
That I may know what pleases
Thee, Lord, my heavenly Guest.

2 Thy Zion strews before Thee
Green boughs and fairest palms,

And I, too, will adore Thee
With sweetest songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For Thee with praises new,
And from Thy name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

3 What hast Thou left ungranted
To give me glad relief?
When soul and body panted
In utmost depth of grief,
In deepest degradation,
Devoid of joy and peace,
Then, Thou, my soul's Salvation,
Didst come to bring release.

4 I lay in fetters groaning,
Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning,
Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

5 Naught, naught, dear Lord, could move Thee
To leave Thy rightful place
Save love, for which I love Thee;
A love that could embrace
A world where sorrow dwelleth,
Which sin and suffering fill,
More than the tongue e'er telleth;—
Yet Thou couldst love it still!

6 Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed,
And tremble at your doom:

Despair not, He is near you,
  Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you,
  And bid you weep no more.

7 No care nor effort either
  Is needed day or night,
How ye may draw Him hither
  In your own strength and might.
He comes, He comes with gladness,
  Moved by His love alone,
To calm your fear and sadness,
  Which unto Him are known.

8 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
  Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
  And cover with His grace.
He comes, He comes procuring
  The peace of sin forgiven,
To all God's sons securing
  Their part and lot in heaven.

9 Why should the wicked move you
  Heed not their craft and spite!
Your Saviour who doth love you,
  Will scatter all their might.
He comes, a King most glorious,
  And all His earthly foes
In vain His course victorious
  Endeavor to oppose.

10 He comes to judge the nations,
  A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
  And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
  O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams so cheering,
  And guide us safely home!

33

O REJOICE, ye Christians, loudly,
For our joy has now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done;
Tell abroad His goodness proudly,
Who our race hath honored thus
That He deigns to dwell with us.
Joy, O Joy, beyond all gladness!
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of grace is shining!

2 See, my soul, thy Saviour chooses
Weakness here and poverty,
In such love He comes to thee,
Nor the hardest couch refuses;
All he suffers for thy good,
To redeem thee by His blood,
Joy, O joy, etc.

3 Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly!
I acknowledge that by Thee
I am saved eternally,
Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee through all things cleave;
So shall heart and mind receive
Joy, O Joy, etc.

4 Jesus, guard and guide Thy members,
Fill Thy brethren with Thy grace,
Hear their prayers in every place,
Quicken now life's faintest embers;
Grant all Christians, far and near,
Holy peace, a glad New Year!
Joy, O joy, etc.

34 C.M.

PRAISE God the Lord, ye sons of clay,
Before His highest throne,
Who opens heaven again this day,
And gives us His own Son.

2 He leaves His heavenly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger poor and lone
Lies in an humble stall.

3 He lays aside His power divine,
A servant's form doth take,
In want and lowness He doth pine
Who heaven and earth did make.

4 He nestles at His mother's breast,
Her milk His food must be,
Whom saints and angels call the Blest,
For David's Root is He.

5 'Tis He who in these latter days
From Judah's tribe should come,
By whom the Lord again would raise
His Church, His Christendom.

6 A wondrous change which He doth make:
He takes our flesh and blood,
And lays aside for sinners' sake,
His majesty of God.

7 He serves, that I a lord may be;
A great exchange, indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me,
To help me in my need?

8 He opens us again the door
Of Paradise to-day;
The cherub guards the gate no more.
To God our thanks we pay.

35 L.M.

REJOICE, rejoice, ye sons of clay!
God comes to you from heaven to-day;
The Lord is born a little child
Of Mary, virgin undefiled.

2 He is the Branch of Jesse's tree,
The Lion out of Judah, He
The Gentiles' Light, the promised Seed
Who was to bruise the Serpent's head.

3 He brings us peace and happiness,
And heals all sorrow and distress
Which on account of Adam's fall
Forever weighed upon us all.

4 Through His low birth and holy blood
We all are saved by Christ, true God ;
The angels' glory we shall share,
And in His kingdom live fore'er.

36 7s.

SAVIOUR of the heathen, come,
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home ;
Wonder at it, heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's blossom, sweet and fresh.

3 Though the virgin was with child,
Chastity proved undefiled ;
Many a virtue rare forth shone,
God was there upon His throne.

4 Now He leaves His royal room
In the holy virgin's womb,
God by nature, man by birth,
He now runs His course on earth.

5 From the Father forth He came,
And returned unto the same,
Down to hell He went alone,
And again to God's high throne.

6 Thou, the Father's equal, win
Victory in the flesh o'er sin,
By Thy strength divine, O Lord,
Help to our frail flesh afford.

7 Lord, Thy manger is so bright,
Night sends forth a novel light;
Darkness must not enter there,
Faith abides in light fore'er.

8 Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

37 7, 6.

THE Bridegroom soon will call us:
Come, all ye wedding guests!
May not His voice appall us
While slumber binds our breasts!
May all our lamps be burning,
And oil be found in store,
That we with him returning,
May open find the door!

2 There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer's face,
Who leads our souls benighted
To glory by His grace;
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets' holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3 They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear,
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear
We all shall come before Him,
Who for us man became,

As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His name.

4 Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold,
And to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5 In yonder home shall never
Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice;
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise,
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6 In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare,
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us it's riches share;
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,
And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7 Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the Devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain and sadness,
From troubles, cares and fears,
And grant us heavenly gladness,
And wipe away our tears.

38 L. M.

IMMANUEL, we sing Thy praise,
Thou Prince of life and Fount of grace,
Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn,
Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born.
Hallelujah!

2 With all Thy saints Thee, Lord, we sing,
Praise, honor, thanks to Thee we bring,
That Thou, O long-expected Guest,
Hast come at last to make us blest!
Hallelujah!

3 For Thee, since first the world was made,
So many hearts have watched and prayed;
The patriarchs' and prophets' throng
For Thee have hoped and waited long.
Hallelujah!

4 Above all others longed for Thee
Thy people's king and shepherd, he
With whom Thou, Lord, so well wert pleased,
When with His harp Thy name he praised.
Hallelujah!

5 Ah, that the Saviour soon would come
To break our bonds and lead us home!
Ah, that He might salvation bring,
Then Jacob would rejoice and sing.
Hallelujah!

6 Now Thou art here, Thou ever Blest!
In lowly manger Thou dost rest;
Who makest all things great, art small;
Naked Thyself, who clothest all.
Hallelujah!

7 All heavens are Thine, yet Thou dost come
To sojourn in a stranger's home;
A mother's milk dost not despise,
Who art the joy of angel's eyes.
Hallelujah!

8 Thou hast set bounds to earth and sea,
Yet swaddling-bands encircle Thee;
Thou'rt God—a bed of straw Thou hast;
Thou'rt man—yet art the First and Last.
Hallelujah!

9 From Thee above all gladness flows,
Yet Thou must bear such bitter woes;
The Gentiles' Light and Hope Thou art,
Yet findest none to soothe Thy heart.
Hallelujah!

10 The sweetest Friend of man Thou art,
Yet many hate Thee in their heart;
By Herod's heart Thou art abhorred,
Yet Thou art our Salvation, Lord.
Hallelujah!

11 But I, Thy humblest servant, may
Confess my love and freely say,
I love Thee truly, but I would
That I might love Thee as I should.
Hallelujah!

12 I have the will, the power is weak,
Yet, Lord, my humble offering take
And graciously the love receive
Which my poor heart to Thee can give.
Hallelujah!

13 Thou to be weak dost not disdain,
Dost choose the things the world deems vain,
Art poor and needy, and content
To suffer poverty and want.
Hallelujah!

14 Thou sleepest on the lap of earth;
The manger where Thou at Thy birth
Wast laid to rest, the hay, the stall
Were mean and miserable all.
Hallelujah

15 And therefore doth my courage rise,
Me also Thou wilt not despise;
O dearest Lord, Thy tender grace
Fills me with hope and happiness.
Hallelujah!

16 Although I've passed in sin my days,
And wandered far from wisdom's ways,
Yet therefore Thou to earth hast come,
To bring the wand'ring sinner home.
Hallelujah!

17 Had I no load of sin to bear,
Thy grace, O Lord, I could not share;
In vain had'st Thou been born for me,
If from God's wrath I had been free.
Hallelujah!

18 Now fearlessly I come to Thee,
From every grief Thou mak'st me free;
Thou bear'st the wrath, dost death destroy,
And turnest sorrow into joy.
Hallelujah!

19 Thou art my Head, my Lord divine,
I am Thy member, wholly Thine,
And by Thy Spirit's gracious power
Will seek to serve Thee evermore.
Hallelujah!

20 I'll sing loud hallelujahs here
With joyful spirit year by year;
And in Thy courts of joy above
Forever I will sing Thy love.
Hallelujah!

39 L.M.

TO shepherds, as they watched by night,
Appeared a troop of angels bright;
Behold the tender babe, they said,
In yonder lowly manger laid.

2 At Bethlehem, in David's town,
As Micha did of old make known;
'Tis Jesus Christ, your Lord and King,
Who doth to all salvation bring.

3 Rejoice ye, then, that through His Son
God is with sinners now at one;
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,
Your brother is th' eternal God.

4 What harm can sin and death then do?
The true God now abides with you.
Let hell and Satan chide and chafe,
God is your brother—ye are safe.

5 Not one He will, nor can, forsake
Who Him his confidence doth make;
E'en if their worst your en'mies try,
Ye may their pow'rless rage defy.

6 Ye must prevail at last, for ye
Have now become God's family;
To God forever give ye praise,
Patient and cheerful all your days.

40

WE Christians may | Rejoice to-day,
When Christ was born to comfort and to save us;
Who thus believes | No longer grieves,
For none are lost who grasp the hope He gave us.

2 O wondrous joy, | That God most high
Should take our flesh, and thus our race should honor;
A virgin mild | Hath born this child,
Such grace and glory God hath put upon her.

3 Sin brought us grief; | But Christ, relief,
When down to earth He came for our salvation;

Since God with us | Is dwelling thus,
Who dares to speak the Christian's condemnation?

4 Then hither throng | With happy song
To Him whose birth and death are our assurance;
Through whom are we | At last set free
From sins and burdens that surpassed endurance.

5 Yes, let us praise | Our God, and raise
Loud hallelujahs to the skies above us;
The bliss, bestowed | To-day by God,
To ceaseless thankfulness and joy should move us.

III. NEW YEAR.

41 7s.

FOR Thy mercy and Thy grace,
Constant through another year,
Hear our song of thankfulness;
Jesus, our Redeemer, hear!

2 In our weakness and distress,
Rock of strength, be Thou our Stay;
In the pathless wilderness,
Be our true and living Way.

3 Who of us death's awful road
In the coming year shall tread,
With Thy rod and staff, O God,
Comfort Thou his dying head.

4 Make us faithful, make us pure,
Keep us evermore Thine own;
Help, O help us to endure,
Fit us for Thy promised crown.

5 So within Thy palace gate
We shall praise, on golden strings,
Thee, the only Potentate,
Lord of lords, and King of kings.

42 L.M.

GREAT God, we sing that mighty Hand
By which supported still we stand;
The opening year Thy mercy shows;
Let mercy crown it, till it close.

2 By day, by night, at home, abroad,
Still we are guarded by our God;
By His incessant bounty fed,
By His unerring council led.

3 With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And, peaceful, leave before Thy feet.

4 In scenes exalted or depressed,
Be Thou our Joy, and Thou our Rest,
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,
Adored through all our changing days.

5 When death shall interrupt our songs,
And seal in silence mortal tongues;
Our helper, God, in whom we trust,
In better worlds our soul shall boast.

43 9.8.

HELP us, O Lord! behold, we enter
Upon another year to-day;
In Thee our hopes and thoughts now centre,
Renew our courage for the way:
New life, new strength, new happiness
We ask of Thee, O hear and bless!

2 May every plan and undertaking
This year be all begun with Thee,

When I am sleeping or am waking,
Still let me know Thou art with me;
Abroad do Thou my footsteps guide,
At home be ever at my side.

3 Be this a time of grace and pardon;
Thy rod I take with willing mind,
But suffer naught my heart to harden,
O let me now Thy mercy find;
In Thee alone, my God, I live,
Thou only canst my sins forgive.

4 And may this year to me be holy;
Thy grace so fill my every thought
That all my life be pure and lowly
And truthful as a Christian's ought;
So make me, while yet dwelling here,
Pious and blest from year to year.

5 And grant, Lord, when the year is over,
That it for me in peace may close;
In all things care for me, and cover
My head in time of fear and woes;
So may I, when my years are gone,
Appear with joy before Thy throne.

44 7s.

NOW let us come before Him,
With songs and prayers adore Him,
Who to our life from heaven
All needed strength hath given.

2 The stream of years is flowing,
And we are onward going,
From old to new surviving,
And by His mercy thriving.

3 In woe we often languish,
And pass through times of anguish,
Of wars and trepidation,
Alarming every nation.

4 A faithful mother keepeth
Guard, while her infant sleepeth,
Its fear and grief assuaging,
When angry storms are raging.

5 Thus God His children shieldeth
And full protection yieldeth;
When need and woe distress them,
His loving arms caress them.

6 In vain is all our doing;
The labor we're pursuing
In our hands prospers never,
Unless God watches ever.

7 Our song to Thee ascendeth,
Whose mercy never endeth;
Our thanks to Thee we render,
Who art our strong Defender.

8 O God of mercy! hear us,
Our Father! be Thou near us;
'Mid crosses and in sadness
Be Thou our Fount of gladness.

9 To all that bow before Thee
And for Thy grace implore Thee
O grant Thy benediction
And patience in affliction.

10 With richest blessings crown us,
In all our ways, Lord! own us;
Give grace, who grace bestowest
To all, e'en to the lowest.

11 To all forlorn be Father,
Thy erring children gather,
And of the poor and needy
Be Thou the Succor speedy.

12 Grant help to all afflicted;
And to the souls dejected,
By melancholy haunted,
May cheerful thoughts be granted.

13 O Lord! assistance lend us,
Thy holy Spirit send us,
That He may make us glorious,
And lead to Thee victorious.

14 All this Thy hand bestoweth,
Thou Life, whence our life floweth;
To me and all believers
Grant, Lord, these New Year's favors.

45 Iambic, 8, 7.

O LORD our Father, thanks to Thee
In this new year we render,
For Thou hast been from misery
And dangers our Defender;
Through all the year that now has fled
Hast given us life and daily bread,
And peace within our borders.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks to Thee
In this new year we render,
For Thou still rulest zealously
Thy fold, with mercy tender;
Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood,
Thou art our only Trust and Good,
In life and death our Saviour.

3 Lord Holy Ghost, our thanks to Thee
In this new year we render,
For by Thy grace it is that we
Enjoy Thy Word's pure splendor;
Thus Thou hast kindled from above
Within our hearts true faith and love,
And other Christian virtues.

4 Our faithful God, we cry to Thee,
Still bless us with Thy favor;
Blot out all our iniquity,
And hide our sins forever;
Grant us a happy, good New Year,
And when the hour of death draws near,
A blest departure. Amen.

46 L. M.

THE new-born Child this early morn,
The dear Christ-child of virgin born,
Again brings from His heavenly home
A new year to all Christendom.

2 This causes joy to angels fair,
Who love to keep us in their care;
They sing that in this wondrous Child
God now with man is reconciled.

3 Since God is reconciled with man,
What harm can Satan do us then?
O'er Satan and the gates of hell
This Christ-child shall for us prevail.

4 He brings the year of jubilee!
Why doubt we yet despondently?
Cheer up! This is a joyous day,
The Christ-child drives all care away.

47 L. M.

THE old year now hath passed away,
We thank Thee, Christ our Lord, to-day,
That Thou hast kept us through the year,
When danger and distress were near.

2 We pray Thee, O Eternal Son,
Who with the Father reign'st as one,
To guard and rule Thy Christendom
Through all the ages yet to come.

3 Take not Thy saving Word away,
Our souls' true comfort, staff, and stay;
Abide with us, and keep us free
From all false doctrines graciously.

4 O help us to forsake all sin,
A new and holier course begin;
From last year's sins, Lord, hide Thy face,
In this new year grant us Thy grace:

5 That as true Christians we may live,
Or die in peace that Thou canst give,
To rise again when Thou shalt come,
And enter our eternal home.

6 There shall we thank Thee, and adore,
With all the angels evermore;
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise Thy name through life and death.

48 S. M

THE year begins with Thee,
And Thou begin'st with woe,
To let the world of sinners see
That blood for sin must flow.

2 Thine infant cries, O Lord,
Thy tears upon the breast
Are not enough,—the legal sword
Must do its stern behest.

3 Am I a child of tears,
Cradled in care and woe?
And seems it hard my vernal years
Few vernal joys can show?

4 Seemeth it strange to me
My own will to deny?
Seemeth it sad, my soul, to Thee
Under the yoke to lie?

5 I look, and hold my peace:
The Giver of all good
E'en from the womb takes no release
From suffering, tears, and blood.

6 That I may reap in love,
Help me to sow in fear:
So life a winter's morn may prove
To a bright endless year.

49 7s.

WHILE with ceaseless course the sun
Hasted through the former year,
Many souls their race have run,
Nevermore to meet us here;
Fixed in an eternal state,
They have done with all below;
We a little longer wait,
But how little, none can know.

2 As the winged arrow flies
Speedily, the mark to find;
As the lightning from the skies
Darts, and leaves no trace behind;
Swiftly thus our fleeting days
Bear us down life's rapid stream:
Upward, Lord, our spirits raise;
All below is but a dream.

3 Thanks for mercies past receive,
Pardon of our sins renew,
Teach us henceforth how to live
With eternity in view.
Bless Thy Word to young and old,
Fill us with a Saviour's love;
And when life's short tale is told,
May we dwell with Thee above.

IV. EPIPHANY.

50 7s.

AS with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright:
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
To that lonely manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore:
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus! every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light:
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Hallelujahs to our King.

51 7, 6.

O JESUS, King of glory!
Both David's Lord and Son!
Thy realm endures forever,
In heaven is fixed Thy throne;
Help, that in earth's dominions,
Throughout from pole to pole,
Thy realm may spread salvation
To each benighted soul.

2 The eastern sages, bringing
Their tribute-gifts to Thee,
Bear witness to Thy kingdom,
And humbly bow the knee;
To Thee the star is pointing,
To Thee th' inspired Word;
Hence joyously we hail Thee:
Our Saviour and our Lord!

3 Thou art a mighty Monarch,
As by the Word we're told,
Yet carest Thou but little
For earthly goods or gold;
On no proud steed Thou ridest,
Thou wear'st no jewelled crown,
Nor dwell'st in lordly castle,
But bearest scoff and frown.

4 Yet art Thou decked with beauty,
With rays of glorious light;
Thou ever teem'st with goodness,
And all Thy ways are right.
Vouchsafe to shield Thy people
With Thine almighty arm,
That they may dwell in safety
From those who mean them harm.

5 Ah look on me with pity,
Though I am weak and poor,

Admit me to Thy kingdom,
To dwell there, blest and sure.
I pray Thee, keep and guide me
Safe from my bitter foes,
From sin and death, and Satan;
Free me from all my woes.

6 And bid Thy Word within me
Shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine
Forever from me far;
Help me confess Thee truly,
And with Thy Christendom
Here own Thee King and Saviour
And in the world to come.

52 L. M.

WHY, Herod, unrelenting foe,
Does Christ the Lord's birth move Thee so?
He doth no earthly kingdom crave,
Who unto us heaven's kingdom gave.

2 The star before the wise men goes,
This light to them the true Light shows;
They, by the three gifts which they bring,
Declare this child: God, Man, and King.

3 He was baptized in Jordan's flood,
The holy, heavenly Lamb of God,
And thereby He who did no sin,
From all our sins hath washed us clean.

4 And now a miracle was done:
Six waterpots stood there of stone;
Christ spake the word with power divine:
The water reddened into wine.

5 All honor unto Christ be paid,
Pure offspring of the holy maid,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost.

V. PRESENTATION.

53 8, 7, 4, 7.

ANGELS, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the heav'nly Light:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

4 Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord descending,
In His temple shall apear:
Come and worship—
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

54 8, 5, 8, 4, 7, 7.

IN peace and joy I now depart,
At God's disposing;
For full of comfort is my heart,
Soft reposing;
So the Lord hath promised me,
And death is but a slumber.

2 'Tis Christ that wrought this work for me,
The faithful Saviour,
Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see
By Thy favor;
Now I know, He is my Life,
My Help in need and dying.

3 Him Thou hast unto all set forth,
Their great Salvation,
And to His kingdom called the earth—
Every nation,
By Thy dear and wholesome Word,
In every place resounding.

4 He is the Hope and saving Light
Of lands benighted,
By Him are they who dwelt in night
Fed and lighted;
He is Israel's Praise and Bliss,
Their Joy, Reward, and Glory.

55 7, 6.

LIGHT of the Gentile nations,
Thy people's Joy and Love!
Drawn by Thy Spirit hither,
We gladly come to prove
Thy presence in Thy temple,
And wait with earnest mind,
As Simeon once had waited
His Saviour God to find.

2 Yes, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee,
E'en now, in every place
Where Thy true Word hath promised
That they should see Thy face.
Thou yet wilt gladly grant us,
Who gather round Thee here,
In faith's strong arms to bear Thee,
As once that aged seer.

3 Be Thou our Joy, our Brightness,
That shines 'mid pain and loss,
Our Sun in times of terror,
The Glory round our cross;
A Glow in sinking spirits,
A Sunbeam in distress,
Physician, Friend in sickness;
In death, our Happiness.

4 Let us, O Lord, be faithful
With Simeon to the end,
That so his dying song may
From all our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, now let Thy servant
Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Saviour,
Have here beheld His day."

5 My Saviour, I behold Thee
Now with the eye of faith;
No foe of Thee can rob me,
Though bitter words he saith:
Within Thy heart abiding,
As thou dost dwell in me,
No pain, no death has terrors
To part my soul from Thee.

6 Lord, here on earth Thou seemest
At times to frown on me,
And through my tears I often
Can scarce distinguish Thee;
But in the heavenly mansions
Shall nothing dim my sight,
And I shall see forever
Thine always glorious light.

56 L. M.

O DEAREST Jesus, Thee I pray:
Within my heart now make Thy stay,
That I, like Simeon of old,
By faith may gladly Thee infold.

2 Thou art my Life and Happiness,
Whom God hath sent, my soul to bless:
O cleanse and purify my heart,
That from Thy paths I ne'er depart.

3 Lord, with Thy light show me the way,
That never I may go astray;
Ward off all sorrow and despair,
And let me be Thine own fore'er.

4 Lift up Thy face upon me, Lord,
In life and death Thy help afford;
Then I'll depart most cheerfully
This life, whene'er it pleaseth Thee.

57 Iambic. 8, 7.

THANK God! my Jesus cleanseth me
From all sins I committed,
He paid my debt and set me free,
I, therefore, am acquitted
Of sin's and Satan's bondage fell;
My faith now laughs at death and hell,
Because my life is Jesus.

2 Why should I grieve? He who fulfilled
The Law, thus to release us;
He who His Father's wrath has stilled
By His own death, this Jesus
Still liveth, and all that He hath
He giveth unto me through faith;
Is there a greater treasure?

3 Because my Jesus cleanseth me
From sin by His own merit,
I am from pain and fear set free,
Death cannot daunt my spirit,
I trust in Jesus' righteousness,
His innocence and blessedness
Are now my life and treasure.

4 Now I, like Simeon, can end
My life in peace and gladness,
And to my God I can commend
My spirit without sadness;
For when my weary eyes I close,
My death becomes a sweet repose,
I see the joys of heaven.

5 How happy, therefore, shall I be,
When life's frail thread is broken;
When holy angels carry me
To joys that ne'er were spoken;
When I behold Him face to face,
When I have gained that blessed place,
Prepared for me by Jesus.

6 Lord, grant that e'er prepared I be,
That naught from Thee me sever.
And when I die, let me with Thee
In glory live forever;
Come quickly to deliver me
Lord, by Thy death and agony,
Yea, come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

VI PASSION.

58 8, 7.

A LAMB goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of all men bearing;
'Tis laden with the sin of earth;
None else the burden sharing
It goes its way, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,

Its spotless life to offer;
Bears shame, and stripes, and wounds, and death,
Anguish and mockery, and saith,
"Willing all this I suffer."

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend
And everlasting Saviour;
Him, Him God chose, sin's reign to end
And bring us to His favor
"Go forth, my Son!" He said, "and bail
The children, who are doomed to hell
Without Thine intercession.
The punishment is great, and dread
The wrath, but Thou Thy blood shalt shed,
And save them from perdition."

3 "Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
I'll bear what Thou commandest;
My will conforms to Thy decree,
I do what Thou demandest."
O wondrous Love! what hast Thou done!
The Father offers up His Son,
The Son content descendeth!
O Love! O Love! how strong art Thou!
In shroud and grave Thou lay'st Him low
Whose word the mountains rendeth!

4 Thou lay'st Him, Love, upon the cross,
With nails and spikes Him bruising;
Thou slay'st Him as a lamb, His loss,
From soul and body oozing;
From body 'tis the crimson flood
Of precious sacrificial blood,
From soul, the strength of anguish:
My gain it is; sweet Lamb to Thee
What can I give, whose love to me
For me doth make Thee languish?

5 Lord, all my life I'll cleave to Thee,
  Thy love fore'er beholding,
Thee ever, as Thou ever me,
  With loving arms enfolding.
Yea, Thou shalt be my Beacon-light,
To guide me safe through death's dark night,
  And cheer my heart in sorrow;
Henceforth myself and all that's mine
To Thee, my Saviour, I consign,
  From whom all things I borrow.

6 By morn and eve my theme shall be
  Thy mercy's wondrous measure;
To sacrifice myself to Thee,
  My foremost aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall flow for Thee,
Its steadfast current ceaselessly
  In praise to Thee outpouring;
And all that Thou hast done for me,
I'll treasure in my memory,
  Thy gracious love adoring.

7 Dilate, shrine of my heart, and swell,
  To Thee shall now be given
A treasure that doth far excel
  The worth of earth and heaven.
Away with the Arabian gold,
With treasures of an earthly mold!
  I found a better jewel.
My priceless treasure, Lord my God,
Is Thy most holy, precious blood,
  Which flowed from wounds so cruel.

8 This treasure ever I'll employ,
  This ever aid shall yield me;
In sorrow it shall be my joy,
  In conflict it shall shield me;
In joy, the music of my feast,
And when all else has lost its zest,

This manna still shall feed me;
In thirst my drink; in want my food;
My company in solitude,
To comfort and to lead me.

9 Death's poison cannot harm me now,
Thy blood new life bestoweth;
My Shadow from the heat art Thou,
When noonday's sunlight gloweth.
When I'm by inward grief opprest,
On Thee my weary soul shall rest,
As sick man on his pillow.
Thou art my Anchor, when by woe
My bark is driven to fro
On trouble's restless billow.

10 And when Thy glory I shall see
And taste Thy kingdom's pleasure,
Thy blood shall then my purple be,
I'll clothe me in this treasure;
It then shall be my glorious crown
Thus I'll appear before the throne
Of God, and need not hide me;
And shall, by Him to Thee betrothed,
By Thee in bridal garments clothed,
Stand as a bride beside Thee.

59 C.M.

ALAS! and did my Saviour bleed
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,

When God, the mighty Maker, died
For man the creature's sin!

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face,
While His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes in tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do.

60 C. M.

BEHOLD the Saviour of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined
To bleed and die for Thee!

2 Hark, how He groans! while nature shakes,
And earth's strong pillars bend!
The temple's vail in sunder breaks,
The solid marbles rend.

3 'Tis done; the precious ransom's paid;
"Receive my soul!" He cries:
See where He bows His sacred head!
He bows His head and dies.

4 But soon He'll break death's envious chain,
And in full glory shine.
O Lamb of God! was ever pain,
Was ever love like Thine?

61 11, 5.

BELOVED Jesus, what law hast Thou broken,
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
Of what transgression?

2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee,
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee,
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee,
They crucify Thee.

3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe Thou dost inherit,
'Tis I do merit.

4 What strangest punishment is suffered yonder?
The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander,
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life, and is acquitted,
God is committed.

6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted,
Sick with its venom all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here by foes and thieves surrounded;
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying,
While Thou wert dying!

8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?

How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder
Thy woes, Thy mercy still transcend our wonder.
O how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?

10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee,
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly
All fires unholy.

11 But since my own strength never will suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds, O let Thy Spirit win me,
And reign within me!

12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.

13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross shall daunt me;
I shall not fear what man can do to harm me,
Nor death alarm me.

14 But, worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness,
Nor shame my weakness.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven,
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I too shall praise Thee.

62 8,7,8 7.

CHRIST, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death our foe,
Who Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,
Madest reconciliation,
And didst save me from damnation:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou didst bear the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou didst suffer, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduredst,
Blessing thus to me securedst.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with cruel scorn,
E'en with piercing thorns they crowned Thee;
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,

That as Thine Thou mightest own me,
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou didst suffer men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee;
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless once Thou didst languish,
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou didst suffer great affliction,
And endure it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
That Thou might'st atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented,
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 That Thou wast so meek and stainless,
Doth atone for my proud mood;
And Thy death makes dying painless,
All Thy ills have wrought our good.
Yea, Thy deep humiliation
Tendeth to my exaltation.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

8 Then, for all that wrought our pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank Thee evermore;
Thank Thee for Thy groans and sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last most bitter cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

63 C. M.

COME let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne.
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"To be exalted thus."
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,
For He was slain for us.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord forever Thine.

4 Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise!

5 The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

64 8, 7, 7.

COME to Calvary's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all;
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Saviour died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleaness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white·
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find:
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood:
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant in blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

65 L M.

ENSLAVED by sin, and bound in chains,
Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
And doomed to everlasting pains,
We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2 Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace:
Nor the whole world's collected store
Suffice to purchase our release;
A thousand worlds were all too poor.

3 Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God,
An all-sufficient ransom paid:
O matchless price! His precious blood
For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

4 Jesus the sacrifice became
To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb,
Beneath avenging justice fell.

5 Amazing goodness! love divine!
O may our grateful heart adore
The matchless grace; nor yield to sin,
Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

66 7s.

GO to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the Tempter's power:
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned:
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb:
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished," hear Him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb,
Where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom;
Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes;
Saviour teach us so to rise.

67 8, 7.

HAIL, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring
Hail Thou agonizing Saviour,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merits we find favor:
Life is given through Thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
All Thy people are forgiven,
Through the virtue of Thy blood:
Open is the gate of heaven;
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3 Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide!
All the heavenly host adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side:
There for sinners Thou art pleading,
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding,
Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing,
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays
Help to sing our Saviour's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

68 8, 7.

IN the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me:
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way.
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

69 8, 7, 7, 8.

JESUS, grant that balm and healing
In Thy holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought upstart,
Let Thy cross defend my heart,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me ere its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
Prove too strong for flesh and blood,
Let me think upon Thy passion,
And the breach is soon made good.
Or should Satan make his way
To my heart, O let me say:
"Jesus Christ for me was wounded,"
And the Tempter flees confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices
On the broad and easy road,
Filled with mirth and pleasant vices,
Let me think upon the load
Thou didst once for me endure,
That I flee all thoughts impure,
Banishing each wild emotion,
Calm and blest in my devotion.

4 Yes, whate'er may pain or grieve me,
Let Thy wounds, Lord, make me whole;
When I'm faint, let them revive me,
Granting new life to my soul.
May Thy comfort render sweet
Every bitter cup I meet,
Thou who by Thy death and passion
Hast procured my soul's salvation!

5 O my God, my Rock and Tower!
Grant that in Thy death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power
Since Thou trod'st him in the dust.
Saviour, let Thine agony
Ever help and comfort me;
Let Thy death be my protection,
Safety, life, and resurrection.

6 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Thy holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind;
And when I this world must leave.
Grant that, Lord, to Thee I cleave,
In Thy wounds find consolation,
And obtain my soul's salvation.

70 **7, 6.**

JESUS, I will ponder now
On Thy holy passion;
With Thy spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain and death,
That I might not perish.

2 Let me see Thy great distress,
Anguish and affliction,
Bonds and stripes, and wretchedness,
And Thy crucifixion;
Let me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound Thee,
How for man Thou diedst, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned Thee.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Let me see Thy passion,

But its cause to me make known,
  And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
  Wrought Thy deep affliction;
This the real cause has been
  Of Thy crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Thy passion view
  With repentant grieving,
Nor Thee crucify anew
  By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun
  Every sinful pleasure,
Since for me God's only Son
  Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm
  And my conscience grieve me,
Let Thy cross my fear disarm,
  Peace of conscience give me.
Grant that I may trust in Thee
  And Thy holy passion;
If His Son so loveth me,
  God must have compassion.

6 Grant that I may willingly
  Bear with Thee my crosses,
Learning humbleness of Thee,
  Peace 'midst pains and losses;
Let me give Thee love for love.
  Hear me, O my Saviour,
That I may in heaven above
  Sing Thy praise forever.

71 H M.

JESUS, my great High Priest,
  Offered His blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks
  No sacrifice beside.

His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

2 To this dear Surety's hand
Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills
His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set;
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

3 My Advocate appears
For my defence on high;
The Father bows His ears,
And lays His thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say,
Shall turn His heart, His love away.

4 Should all the hosts of death,
And powers of hell unknown,
Put their most dreadful forms
Of rage and mischief on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
Superior power and guardian grace.

72 L. M.

LORD Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest,
And sorely with my sins oppressed.

2 Far off I see my fatherland,
Where through Thy blood I hope to stand,
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.

3 My heart sinks at the journey's length,
My wasted flesh has little strength,
Only my soul still cries in me:
"Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"

4 O let Thy sufferings give me power
To meet the last and darkest hour;
Thy sweat refresh and comfort me,
Thy bonds and fetters make me free !

5 The blows and stripes that fell on Thee
Heal up the wounds of sin in me;
Thy crown of thorns, Thy foes' mad spite
Let be my glory and delight !

6 That thirst and bitter draught of Thine
Help me to bear with patience mine;
Thy piercing cry avail my soul,
When floods of anguish o'er me roll !

7 O let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be,
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan's rage abide.

8 And when my lips grow white and chill,
Thy Spirit cry within me still,
And help my soul Thy heaven to find,
When these poor eyes grow dark and blind !

9 And when my spirit flies away,
Thy parting words shall be my stay,
Let me depart with peaceful brow,
When I in death my head shall bow.

10 Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife;
The winding-sheet that covered Thee,
O let it be a shroud for me.

11 Lord, from Thy nail-prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed,
And grant that in Thy opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

12 Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust,
The gates of heaven, Lord, open wide,
When here I may no more abide.

13 And when the last great day shall come,
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light,
And set me then upon Thy right.

14 Renew this wasted flesh of mine,
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

15 Ah, then I have my heart's desire,
When singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I behold Thy face!

73 S. M.

NOT all the blood of beasts,
On Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace,
Or wash away the stain.

2 But Christ, the heavenly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name,
And richer blood than they.

3 My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While thus a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.

4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear,
When hanging on the cursed tree
And knows her guilt was there.

5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice,
And sing His bleeding love.

74 7, 6.

O BLEEDING Head, and wounded,
And full of pain and scorn,
In mockery surrounded
With cruel crown of thorn!
O Head! once crowned with glory
And heavenly majesty,
But now despised and gory;
Yet here I welcome Thee!

2 Men spit upon and jeer Thee,
Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee,
And flee before Thy glance!
How art Thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does Thy visage languish,
Which once was bright as morn!

3 Now from Thy cheeks has vanished
Their color once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished
The splendor that was there.
Pale Death with cruel rigor
Bereaveth Thee of life;
Thus losest Thou Thy vigor
And strength in this sad strife.

4 My burden, in Thy passion,
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression,
Which brought this woe on Thee.

I cast me down before Thee,
  Wrath were my rightful lot,
Have mercy, I implore Thee,
  Redeemer, spurn me not !

5 My Shepherd, now receive me !
  My Guardian, own me Thine !
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
  O Source of gifts divine !
Thy lips have often fed me
  With milk and sweetest food;
Thy Spirit oft has led me
  To stores of heavenly good.

6 Here I will stand beside Thee,
  From Thee I will not part;
O Saviour, do not chide me !
  When breaks Thy loving heart;
When soul and body languish
  In death's last fatal grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish,
  Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.

7 Naught ever so much blesses,
  So much rejoices me,
As when in Thy distresses
  I take a part with Thee.
Ah, well for me, if lying
  Here at Thy feet, my life,
I too with Thee were dying,
  And thus might end my strife !

8 Thanks from my heart I offer
  Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
For all that Thou didst suffer;
  My good didst Thou intend.
Ah! grant that I may ever
  To Thy truth faithful be;
When soul and body sever,
  May I be found in Thee!

9 When hence I must betake me,
  Lord, do not Thou depart!
O nevermore forsake me,
  When death is at my heart!
When soul and body languish,
  O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish,
  By virtue of Thine own!

10 Be Thou my Consolation
  And Shield when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion,
  When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes shall then behold Thee,
  Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
  Who dieth thus, dies well!

75 4,4,7,7,6.

O DARKEST woe!
  Ye tears, forth flow!
  Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son
  Now is buried yonder!

2 O sorrow dread!
Our God is dead,
  But by His expiation
Of our guilt upon the cross
  Gained for us salvation.

3 O child of man!
It was the ban
  Of death on thee that brought Him
Down to suffer for thy sins,
  And such woe hath wrought Him.

4 See, stained with blood,
The Lamb of God,

The Bridegroom, lies before thee,
Pouring out His life that He
May to life restore thee.

5 O Ground of faith,
Laid low in death!
Sweet lips now silent sleeping!
Surely all that live must mourn
Here with bitter weeping.

6 O Virgin-born,
Thy death we mourn,
Thou lovely Star of gladness!
Who could see Thy reeking blood
Void of grief and sadness!

7 Yea, blest is he
Whose heart shall be
Fixed here, who apprehendeth
Why the Lord of glory thus
To the grave descendeth.

8 O Jesus blest!
My Help and Rest!
With tears I now entreat Thee:
Make me love Thee to the last,
Till in heaven I greet Thee!

76 7, 8.

O LAMB of God, most holy!
Who on the cross didst languish,
E'er patient, meek, and lowly,
Though mocked amid Thine anguish;
Our sins thou bearest for us,
Else would despair reign o'er us;
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

2 O Lamb of God, most holy! etc.
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

3 O Lamb of God, most holy! etc.
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus!

77 7,7,6,7,7,8.

SEE, world! thy Life assailèd;
On the accursed tree nailèd,
Thy Saviour sinks in death!
The mighty Prince from heaven
Himself hath freely given
To shame, and blows, and cruel wrath!

2 Come hither now and ponder,
'Twill fill thy soul with wonder,
Blood streams from every pore.
Through grief whose depth none knoweth,
From His great heart there floweth
Sigh after sigh of anguish o'er!

3 Who is it that afflicts Thee?
My Saviour what dejects Thee
And causeth all Thy woe?
Sin Thou committed'st never,
As we and our seed ever,
Of deeds of evil naught dost know.

4 I many times transgressing,
In number far surpassing
The sand upon the coast,
I thus the cause have given,
That Thou with grief art riven,
And the afflicted martyr host.

5 I've done it, and deliver
Me hand and foot forever
Thou justly might'st to hell.
The mocking to Thee offered,
The scourging Thou hast suffered,
My soul it was deserved it well.

6 The load Thou takest on Thee,
That pressed so sorely on me,

Than stone more heavily.
A curse, Lord, Thou becamest,
Thus blessings for me claimest,
Thy pain must all my comfort be.

7 Not death itself Thou fearest,
As surety Thou appearest
For all my debts and me.
For me Thy brow is crownèd
With thorns, and Thou'rt disownèd
By men, and bear'st all patiently.

8 Into death's jaws Thou springest,
Deliverance to me bringest
From such a monster dire.
My death away Thou takest,
Thy grave its grave Thou makest;
O love, O unexampled fire!

9 I'm bound, my Saviour ever,
By ties most sacred never
Thy service to forsake;
With soul and body ever,
With all my powers t' endeavor,
In praise and service joy to take.

10 Not much can I be giving
In this poor life I'm living,
But one thing do I say:
Thy death and sorrows ever,
Till soul from body sever,
My heart remember shall for aye.

11 Before mine eyes I'll place them,
And joyfully embrace them,
Wherever I may be,
They'll be a glass revealing
Pure innocence, and sealing
Love and unfeigned sincerity.

12 Of sin how great the danger;
How it excites God's anger;
How doth His vengeance burn;
How sternly He chastiseth;
How His wrath's flood ariseth:—
Shall I from all Thy suff'rings learn.

13 From them shall I be learning,
How I may be adorning,
My heart with quietness,
And how I still should love them
Whose malice aye doth move them
To grieve me by their wickedness.

14 When tongues of bad men grieve me,
Of peace and name deprive me,
My restive heart I'll still;
Their evil deeds enduring,
Of pardon free assuring
My neighbor for his every ill.

15 I'll on the cross unite me
To Thee, what doth delight me
I'll there renounce for aye.
Whate'er Thy Spirit's grieving,
There I'll for aye be leaving
As much as in my strength doth lay.

16 Thy groaning and Thy sighing,
Thy thousand tears and crying,
That once were heard from Thee,
They'll lead me to Thy glory,
Where I shall joy before Thee,
And evermore at rest shall be!

78 7s.

SAVIOUR, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;

O by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn Litany!

2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of sore distress
In the savage wilderness;
By the dread mysterious hour
Of the insulting Tempter's power:
Turn, O turn a favoring eye,
Hear our solemn Litany!

3 By Thine hour of dire despair;
By Thine agony of prayer;
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn;
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice:
Listen to our humble cry,
Hear our solemn Litany!

4 By Thy deep expiring groan;
By the sad sepulchral stone;
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God;
O from earth to heaven restored,
Mighty reascended Lord,
Listen, listen to the cry
Of our solemn Litany!

79 8,8,7,8,7.

SEVEN times our blessed Saviour spoke,
When on the cross our sins He took,
And died lest man should perish:
Let us His last and dying words
In our remembrance cherish.

2 "Father, forgive these men, for lo!
They truly know not what they do!"
So far His love extended:
Forgive us, Lord, when we, too, have
Through ignorance offended.

3 Now to the contrite thief He cries:
"Thou, verily, in Paradise
Shalt meet me ere to-morrow:"
Lord, take us to Thy kingdom soon,
Who linger here in sorrow.

4 To weeping Mary, standing by,
"Behold thy Son!" now hear Him cry;
To John, "Behold Thy mother!"
Protect, Lord, those we leave behind,
Let each befriend the other.

5 Once more He saith, "I thirst! I thirst!"
O Prince of life! Thou dar'st the worst,
Because for our salvation
Thy thirst is great: then help us Thou
That we escape damnation.

6 Again, "My God, my God, O why
Forsake me in my agony?"
Lord, Thou wast here forsaken,
That we might be received on high;
Let this our hope awaken.

7 Then, when the victory was won,
"Tis finished!" for Thy work was done.
To Thee our work commending,
May we each task Thou dost impose
Bring to a joyful ending.

8 And last, before His sufferings end,
"O God my Father, I commend
To Thy true hands my spirit:"
Be this, when sinks my dying heart,
The wish that last shall stir it.

9 Whoe'er, by sense of sin oppressed,
On these blest words his thoughts doth rest,
Thence joy and hope obtaineth,
And, through God's love and boundless grace,
A peaceful conscience gaineth.

10 O Jesus Christ, our Lord and Guide,
Who hast for our salvation died!
On this forever dwelling,
May we each hour Thy death regard,
Thy grief, all grief excelling!

80 4, 4, 7, 7, 6.

SO rest, my Rest!
Thou ever Blest!
Thy grave with sinners making;
By Thy precious death from sin
My dead soul awaking.

2 After Thy strife,
Life of my life,
Thou'rt in the tomb reposing,
Round Thee now a rock-hewn grave,
Rock of ages, closing.

3 How cold art Thou,
My Saviour, now!
Thy fervent love hath driven
Thee into the cold, dark grave,
That I might gain heaven.

4 Breath of all breath!
I know, from death
Thou wilt my dust awaken;
Wherefore should I dread the grave,
Or my faith be shaken?

5 To me the tomb
Shall be a room,
Where I lie down on roses;
Who by faith hath conquered death,
Sweetly there reposes.

6 The body dies—
Naught else—and lies
In dust, until victorious
From the grave it shall arise
Beautiful and glorious.

7 Meantime I will,
My Saviour, still
Deep in my bosom lay Thee,
Ever musing on Thy death:
Leave me not, I pray Thee!

81 8, 7.

STRICKEN, smitten and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He! 'tis He!
Tis the long expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly,
Nor suppose the evil great,

Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load;
Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANNOINTED,
Son of man, and Son of God.

4 Here we have a firm foundation;
Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation:
His the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded!
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

82 C. M.

THERE is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be, till I die.

5 Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save,

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

6 Lord, I believe Thou hast prepared
(Unworthy though I be)
For me a blood-bought free reward,
A golden harp for me.

7 'Tis strung and tuned for endless years,
And formed by power divine
To sound in God the Father's ears
No other name but Thine.

83 L. M

THY soul, O Jesus, hallow me,
Thy spirit steep me all in Thee,
Thy body, pierced by ruthless steel,
My wretched soul and body heal.

2 The water from Thy side that poured
For me a cleansing bath afford,
And all Thy blood, with life divine,
Revive this languid heart of mine.

3 The sweat of death upon Thy face
Deliver me from death's embrace,
And all Thy passion, cross, and pain,
With strength my feebleness sustain.

4 O Christ, turn not away from me,
Accept and hide me quite in Thee,
Within Thy holy wounds inclose,
And keep me safe from all my foes.

5 In death's dark hour in me abide,
And place me, Saviour, at Thy side,
Where with Thy saints I shall adore,
And praise Thee, Lord, forevermore.

84 C. M.

TO our Redeemer's glorious name
Awake the sacred song!
O may His love, (immortal flame!)
Tune every heart and tongue.

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach!
What mortal tongue display!
Imagination's utmost stretch
In wonder dies away.

3 He left His radiant throne on high,
Left the bright realms of bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die!
Was ever love like this?

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay
Our humble thanks to Thee,
May every heart with rapture say,
"The Saviour died for me."

5 O may the sweet, the blissful theme
Fill every heart and tongue,
Till strangers love the charming name,
And join the sacred song.

85 L. M.

TO Thee, Lord Jesus, thanks we give,
Who diedst for us, that we might live,
And through Thy holy, precious blood
Didst make us righteous before God.

2 And pray Thee, O true God and Man,
Who wast for our offences slain:
Save us from everlasting death,
And cheer us, when we yield our breath

3 Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame;
Help us by Thine almighty name,
To bear our crosses patiently,
To trust in Thy great agony,

4 And thence the full assurance gain,
That Thou wilt e'er our Friend remain,
And not forsake us in our strife,
Until we enter into life.

86 L. M.

WHEN I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er His body on the tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

5 Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

87 7,6,7,6,8,7,6.

WHEN o'er my sins I sorrow,
Lord, I will look to Thee,
And hence my comfort borrow,
That Thou wast slain for me.
Yea, Lord, Thy precious blood was spilt
For me, O most unworthy,
To take away my guilt.

2 O what a marvelous offering!
Behold! the Master spares
His servants, and their suffering
And grief for them He bears.

God stoopeth from His throne on high,
For me, His guilty creature,
He deigns as man to die.

3 My manifold transgression
Henceforth can harm me none,
For Jesus' bloody passion
For me God's grace hath won;
His precious blood my debts hath paid;
Of hell and all its torments
I am no more afraid.

4 Therefore, I will forever
Give glory unto Thee,
O Jesus, loving Saviour,
For what Thou'st borne for me.
In songs of thanks I'll spend my breath
For Thy sad cry, Thy sufferings,
Thy wrongs, Thy guiltless death.

5 Lord, let Thy woes, Thy patience,
My heart with strength inspire
To vanquish all temptations,
And spurn all low desire;
This thought I fain would cherish most—
What pain my soul's redemption
To Thee, O Saviour cost!

6 Whate'er may be the burden,
The cross here on me laid;
Be shame or want my guerdon,
I'll bear it with Thine aid;
Give patience, give me strength to take
Thee for my bright example,
And all the world forsake.

7 And let me do to others
As Thou hast done to me,
Love all men as my brothers,
And serve them willingly,

With ready heart, nor seek my own,
  But as Thou, Lord, hast helped us,
From purest love alone.

8 And let Thy cross upbear me
  With strength, when I depart;
Tell me that naught can tear me
  From my Redeemer's heart,
But since my trust is in Thy grace
  Thou wilt accept me yonder,
Where I shall see Thy face!

VII. EASTER.

88 7, 6.

AWAKE, my heart, with gladness,
  See what to-day is done!
How after gloom and sadness
  Comes forth the glorious Sun!
My Saviour there was laid
Where our bed must be made,
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 They in the grave did sink Him,
  The foe held jubilee;
Before he can bethink him,
  Lo! Christ again is free,
And "Victory!" He cries,
And waveth tow'rd the skies
His banner, for the field
Is by the Hero held.

3 Upon the grave is standing
  The Hero, looking round;
The foe, no more withstanding,
  His weapons on the ground

Throws down, his hellish power
To Christ he must give o'er,
And to the Victor's bands
Must yield his feet and hands.

4 This is a sight that gladdens
And fills my heart with glee;
Now, naughtsoever saddens
My soul, nor takes from me
My trust or fortitude,
Or any precious good
Which by His victory
My Saviour gained for me.

5 Hell and its prince, the Devil,
Now of their power are shorn,
I now am safe from evil,
And sin I laugh to scorn;
Grim death with all his might
Cannot my soul affright;
He is a powerless form,
Howe'er he rage and storm.

6 The world against me rageth,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wageth,
Its work is all in vain.
No trouble troubles me,
My heart from care is free,
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.

7 I cleave now and forever,
To Christ, a member true;
My Head will leave me never,
Whate'er He passeth through;
He treads the world beneath
His feet, and conquers death
And hell, and breaks sin's thrall
I'm with Him through it all.

8 To glory He ascendeth,
  I follow Him fore'er,
For Christ, my Head, defendeth
  His member from all care:
No enemy I fear,
Because my Head is near;
My Saviour is my Shield,
By Him all rage is stilled.

9 He brings me to the portal
  That opens into bliss,
Where graved in words immortal
  This golden scripture is:
"Who there are scorned with me,
Here with me crowned shall be;
Who there with me shall die,
Shall here be raised as I!"

89 7s.

CHRIST the Lord is risen again!
  Christ has broken death's strong chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high:
  Hallelujah!

2 He who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!
We, too, sing for joy, and say:
  Hallelujah!

3 He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us and hears our cry:
  Hallelujah!

4 He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell,
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned:
  Hallelujah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave,
Is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings
That the Lamb is King of kings!
Hallelujah!

6 Now He bids us tell mankind
How all may salvation find,
How poor sinners are forgiven,
And through faith may enter heaven:
Hallelujah!

7 Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, to-day Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for aye:
Hallelujah!

90 7s.

"CHRIST, the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo! He sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, He all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head:

Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!

91 10, 6, 10, 6, 9, 9, 4.

I AM content! My Jesus liveth still,
In whom my heart is pleased;
He hath fulfilled the law of God for me,
God's wrath He hath appeased;
Since Him from life death could not sever,
I also shall not die forever.
I am content!

2 I am content! My Jesus is my Head,
His member I will be;
He bowed His head, when on the cross He died,
With cries of agony;
Now death is brought into subjection
For me, too, by His resurrection.
I am content!

3 I am content! My Jesus is my Lord,
My Prince of life and peace;
His loving heart is thirsting after man's
Welfare and future bliss.
Where He, my Lord and Master, liveth,
His servant also He receiveth.
I am content!

4 I am content! My Jesus is my Light,
My radiant Sun of grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter-sun brings life, salvation.
And everlasting exultation.
I am content!

5 I am content! Lord, draw me but to Thee,
That from the dead I rise
With Thee, my Head, and enter cheerfully
Into Thy heavenly joys.
The fetters of my body sever,
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content!

92 L. M.

I KNOW that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead,
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives, all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

7 He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;

He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
O the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

93 8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 8, 7, 4.

IN Death's strong grasp the Saviour lay,
For our offences given;
But now the Lord is risen to-day,
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us all rejoice,
And praise our God with cheerful voice,
And sing loud Hallelujahs.
Hallelujah!

2 No son of man could conquer Death,
Such mischief sin had wrought us,
For innocence dwelt not on earth,
And, therefore, Death had brought us
Into thralldom from of old,
And ever grew more strong and bold,
And kept us in his bondage.
Hallelujah!

3 But Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
To our low state descended,
The cause of Death he has undone,
His power forever ended,
Ruined all his right and claim,
And left him nothing but the name,—
His sting is lost forever.
Hallelujah!

4 It was a strange and dreadful fray,
When Death and Life contended;
But it was Life that won the day,
The reign of Death was ended.

Holy Scripture plainly saith,
That Death is swallowed up by Death,
Made henceforth a derision.
Hallelujah!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree,
So strong His love! to save us.
See! His blood doth mark our door,
Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
The Murderer can not harm us.
Hallelujah!

6 So let us keep the festival
With heartfelt exultation.
Christ is Himself the Joy of all,
The Sun of our salvation.
By His grace He doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended.
Hallelujah!

7 Then let us feast this Easter-day
On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven;
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink, indeed,
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah!

94 7, 8, 7.

JESUS Christ, my sure Defence
And my Saviour, ever liveth;
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope it giveth,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives!
  I, too, unto life must waken;
Endless joy my Saviour gives;
  Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear? or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

3 Nay, too closely am I bound
  Unto Him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock hath found,
  Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Not the ban of death can part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

4 I am only flesh and blood,
  And on this corruption seizeth;
But I know my Lord and God
  From the grave my body raiseth,
That with Him eternally
In His glory I may be.

5 Glorified I shall again
  With this skin then be enshrouded,
In this body I shall then
  See my God with eyes unclouded,
In this flesh I then chall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

6 Then these eyes my Lord shall know,
  My Redeemer and my Brother;
In His love my soul shall glow,—
  I myself, and not another!
Only there shall disappear
Weakness in and round me here.

7 What now sickens, mourns, and sighs,
  Christ with Him in glory bringeth;
Earthly is the seed and dies,
  Heavenly from the grave it springeth;
Natural is the death we die,
Spiritual our life on high.

8 Then take comfort, nay, rejoice !
For His members Christ will cherish ;
Fear not, they will know His voice,
Though awhile they seem to perish,
When the final trump is heard,
And the deaf, cold grave is stirred.

9 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave,
And at death no longer tremble,
For the Lord, who comes to save,
Round Him shall His saints assemble,
Raising them o'er all their foes,
Mortal weakness, fear, and woes.

10 Only draw away your heart
Now from pleasures base and hollow :
Would ye there with Christ have part,
Here His footsteps ye must follow ;
Fix your hearts beyond the skies,
Whither ye yourselves would rise !

95 8,6,5,7,5.

JESUS Christ, who came to save,
And overcame the grave,
Is now arisen,
And sin hath bound in prison.
O Lord, have mercy !

2 Who without a sin was found,
Bore our transgressions' wound.
He is our Saviour,
And brings us to God's favor,
O Lord, have mercy !

3 Life and mercy, sin and death,
All in His hands He hath :
He can deliver
All who trust Him forever.
O Lord, have mercy !

96 L. M.

LORD Jesus Christ, strong Hero Thou,
Grim death Thou hast o'erpowered now,
Thou dost destroy hell's gate and chain,
Dost on the third day rise again.

2 Thou grantest to Thy friends the grace
To look again upon Thy face,
And showest them the glorious prize,
Won when from death Thou didst arise.

3 Grant that we and all Christians may
Partake of this great joy to-day,
Which by Thy resurrection Thou
Vouchsafest unto all men now.

4 Grant us that we may rise from sin,
A holy life to lead begin,
Till we, from sin and pain set free,
In endless Easter live with Thee.

97 L. M.

WHERE wilt Thou go, since night draws near,
O Jesus Christ, Thou Pilgrim dear?
Lord, make me happy, be my Guest,
And in my heart, O deign to rest.

2 Grant my request, O dearest Friend,
For truly, I Thy best intend;
Thou knowest that Thou ever art
A welcome Guest unto my heart.

3 The day is now far spent and gone,
'Tis toward evening, night comes on;
Then stay with me, Thou heavenly Light,
And do not leave me in this night.

4 Enlighten me that from the way
That leads to heaven, I may not stray,

That I may never be misled,
Though night of sin is round me spread.

5 And when I on my death-bed lie,
Help me, and let me gently die.
O stay! I will not let Thee go!
Thou wilt not leave me, Lord, I know.

98 8, 7, 7.

WHO is this that comes from Edom,
All His raiment stained with blood,
To the captive speaking freedom,
Bringing and bestowing good;
Glorious in the garb He wears,
Glorious in the spoil He bears?

2 'Tis the Saviour, now victorious,
Traveling onward in His might;
'Tis the Saviour; O how glorious
To His people is the sight!
Satan conquered and the grave,
Jesus now is strong to save.

3 Why that blood His raiment staining?
'Tis the blood of many slain:
Of His foes there's none remaining,
None the contest to maintain.
Fall'n they are, no more to rise;
All their glory prostrate lies.

4 Mighty Victor! reign forever,
Wear the crown so dearly won;
Never shall Thy people, never,
Cease to sing what Thou hast done:
Thou hast fought Thy people's foes;
Thou hast healed Thy people's woes.

VIII. ASCENSION.

99 L. M.

A HYMN of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
By a new way none ever trod,
Christ mounteth to the throne of God.

2 May our affections thither tend,
And thither constantly ascend,
Where, seated on the Father's throne,
Thee reigning in the heavens we own!

3 Be Thou our present Joy, O Lord.
Who wilt be ever our Reward:
And as the countless ages flee,
May all our glory be in Thee!

100 4, 4, 7.

DRAW us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever,
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone,
To be with Thee, dear Saviour.

2 Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness,
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to Thee,
O grant that we
May find the road to heaven;
Direct our way,
Lest we should stray,
And from Thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to Thee,
That also we
Thy heavenly bliss inherit,
And ever dwell
Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to Thee
Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint-heirs make us.

101 7s.

HAIL the day that sees Him rise,
To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,
Re-ascends His native heaven.

2 There the glorious triumph waits;
Lift your heads, eternal gates;
He hath conquered death and sin;
Take the King of glory in!

3 Him though highest heaven receives,
Still He loves the earth He leaves;
Though returning to His throne,
Still He calls mankind His own.

4 See, He lifts His hands above!
See, He shows the prints of love!
Hark, His gracious lips bestow,
Blessings on His Church below!

5 Still for us His death He pleads;
Prevalent, He intercedes:
Near Himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race.

6 There we shall with Thee remain,
Partners of Thy endless reign;
There Thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

102 8, 7, 7.

HARK, ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices;
Jesus reigns, the God of love.
See, He sits on yonder throne;
Jesus rules the world alone.

2 Christians, come, unite your praises
With the angels round His throne:
Soon, we hope, our God will raise us
To the place where He is gone.
Meet it is that we should sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"

3 Sing how Jesus came from heaven,
How He bore the cross below,
How all power to Him is given
How He reigns in glory now
'Tis a great and endless theme
O 'tis sweet to sing of Him.

4 Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens
All above, and makes it fair:
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens,
Cheers and charms Thy people here.
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine.

5 King of glory, reign forever;
Thine an everlasting crown:
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own;
Happy objects of Thy grace,
Destined to behold Thy face.

6 Saviour, hasten Thine appearing;
  Bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons hearing,
  Heaven and earth shall pass away.
Then, with golden harps, we'll sing,
"Glory, glory to our King!"

103 7, 6.

LO! God to heaven ascendeth!
  Throughout its regions vast
With shouts triumphant blendeth
  The trumpet's thrilling blast:
Sing praise to Christ the Lord,
  Sing praise with exultation,
  King of each heathen nation!
The God of hosts adored!

2 With joy is heaven resounding,
  Christ's glad return to see;
Behold the saints surrounding
  The Lord who set them free:
Bright myriads thronging come;
  The cherub band rejoices,
  And loud seraphic voices
Welcome Messiah home.

3 No more the way is hidden,
  Since Christ, our Head, arose:
No more to man forbidden
  The road to heaven that goes.
Our Lord is gone before,
  But here He will not leave us,
  In heaven He'll soon receive us;
He opens wide the door.

4 Christ is our place preparing,
  To heaven we, too, shall rise,
And, joys angelic sharing,
  Be where our Treasure lies,

There may each heart be found!
  Where Jesus Christ has entered,
  There let our hopes be centered,
Our course still heavenward bound!

5 May we, His servants, thither
  In heart and mind ascend;
And let us sing together:
  "We seek Thee, Christ our Friend,
Thee, God's anointed Son,
  Our Life, and Way to heaven,
  To whom all power is given,
Our Joy, and Hope, and Crown!"

6 Farewell with all thy treasures,
  O world, to falsehood given!
Thy dross gives no true pleasures;
  We seek the joys of heaven:
The Saviour is our Prize;
  He comforts us in sadness,
  And fills our hearts with gladness;
To Him we lift our eyes.

7 When, on our vision dawning,
  Will break the wished-for hour
Of that all-glorious morning,
  When Christ shall come with power?
O come, thou welcome day!
  When we, our Saviour meeting,
  His second advent greeting,
Shall hail the heaven-sent ray.

104 L. M.

OUR Lord is risen from the dead;
  Our Jesus is gone up on high:
The powers of hell are captive led,
  The Victor rises to the sky.

2 There His triumphal chariot waits,
And angels chant the solemn lay:
"Lift up your heads, ye heavenly gates!
Ye everlasting doors, give way!

3 "Loose all your bars of massy light,
And wide unfold the radiant scene:
He claims these mansions as His right;
Receive the King of glory in!"

4 "Who is the King of glory,—who?"
"The Lord, that all His foes o'ercame,
The world, sin, death, and hell o'erthrew;
And Jesus is the Conqueror's name."

5 Lo, His triumphat chariot waits,
And angels chant the solmn lay:
"Lift your heads, ye heavenly gates;
Ye everlasting doors, give way!"

6 "Who is the King of glory,—who?"
"The Lord, of glorious power possessed;
The King of saints and angels too;
God over all, forever blest!"

105 Iambic 8,7.

SINCE Christ has gone to heaven, His home,
I, too, that home one day must share,
And in this hope I overcome
All doubt, all anguish, and despair:
For where the Head is, well we know,
The members He has left below
In time He surely gathers.

2 Since Christ has reached His glorious throne,
And mighty gifts henceforth are His,
My heart can rest in heaven alone,
On earth my Lord I always miss:

I long to be with Him on high,
My heart and thoughts forever fly
Where is my only Treasure.

3 From Thy ascension let such grace,
Dear Lord, be ever found in me,
That steadfast faith may guide my ways
With step unfalt'ring up to Thee,
And at Thy voice I may depart
With joy to dwell where Thou, Lord, art;
Lord, hear my supplication!

106 H. M.

THE atoning work is done,
The Victim's blood is shed,
And Jesus now is gone
His people's cause to plead:
He stands in heaven their great High Priest,
And bears their names upon His breast.

2 He sprinkled with His blood
The mercy-seat above;
For justice had withstood
The purposes of love;
But justice now withstands no more,
And mercy yields her boundless store.

3 No temple made with hands
His place of service is;
In heaven itself He stands,
A heavenly priesthood His:
In Him the shadows of the Law
Are all fulfilled, and now withdraw.

4 And though awhile He be
Hid from the eyes of men,
His people look to see
Their great High Priest again:
In brightest glory He will come,
And take His waiting people home.

107 C. M.

THE Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

2 The highest place that heaven affords
Is His by sovereign right:
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal Light.

3 The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His love,
And grants His name to know.

4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

108 L. M.

WE thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
That Thou didst into heaven ascend,
O mighty God, Immanuel;
Make soul and body strong and well.
Hallelujah!

2 Now all His Christians can rejoice,
And sing His praise with cheerful voice:

Glory to God in heaven's high throne,
Our Brother is God's only Son.
Hallelujah!

3 Ascended to His throne on high,
He yet to us is always nigh;
Thus God and man He ever reigns,
And infinite in power remains
Hallelujah!

4 Above all heavens in glory raised,
Forever by all angels praised,
All human beings rules our Lord,
All creatures must obey His word.
Hallelujah!

5 He rules and reigns at God's right hand,
And has all power at His command,
All things are subject to His rod—
The Son of man and Son of God.
Hallelujah!

6 The world, sin, Satan, death and hell
Are vanquished by Immanuel;
Dispute who will His mighty reign,
He still the Victor must remain.
Hallelujah!

7 The man who trusts in Him is blest,
And finds in Him eternal rest;
This world's allurements we despise
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.
Hallelujah!

8 We trust in Him, our Lord and God,
Who hath redeemed us by His blood;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death to set us free.
Hallelujah!

9 We, therefore, heartily rejoice,
And sing His praise with cheerful voice:
Our Brother, our own flesh and blood,
Is God and King, our greatest Good.
Hallelujah!

10 Through Him we heirs of heaven are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid,
That we may firmly trust in Thee,
And live through Thee eternally.
Hallelujah!

11 Amen, Amen, O Lord! we cry;
Do Thou, who art exalted high,
In Thy pure doctrine keep our hearts,
And shield us from the Devil's arts.
Hallelujah!

12 Come, blessed Lord, in glory come
To judge the world and take us home
Out of this vale of tears, that we
May live fore'er in heaven with Thee.
Hallelujah!

13 Amen, Amen, again we sing,
And long to be with Thee, our King,
Where with Thy angels we again
Shall sing in heavenly strains Amen!
Hallelujah!

IX. PENTECOST.

109 8,8,8,7.

COME, God, Creator, Holy Ghost,
And visit Thou the souls of men;
Fill them with graces, as Thou dost,
Thy creatures make pure again.

2 For Comforter Thy name we call,
Sweet Gift of God most high above
A holy Unction to us all,
A living Fount, Fire, and love.

3 Our minds enlighten and refresh,
  Deep in our hearts let love burn bright;
Thou know'st the weakness of our flesh;
  O strengthen us with Thy might.

4 Thou with Thy wondrous sevenfold gifts,
  The Finger art of God's right hand;
The Father's Word Thou sendest swift
  On tongues of fire to each land.

5 Drive far from us our wily Foe,
  Grant us Thy blessed peace within,
That in Thy footsteps we may go,
  And shun the dark ways of sin.

6 Teach us to know the Father well
  And Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord,
That in our hearts true faith may dwell,
  Spirit of both, aye adored!

7 To God the Father, God the Son
  Who from the dead is risen again,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
  Be evermore praise. Amen.

110 S. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, come!
  Let Thy bright beams arise:
Dispel the sorrow from our minds,
  The darkness from our eyes.

2 Revive our drooping faith;
  Our doubts and fears remove;
And kindle in our breasts the flame
  Of never-dying love.

3 Convince us of our sin,
  Then lead to Jesus' blood;
And to our wondering view reveal
  The mercies of our God.

4 'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart.
  To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life on every part,
  And new-create the whole.

5 Dwell, therefore, in our hearts;
  Our minds from bondage free:
Then shall we know, and praise, and love,
  The Father, Son, and Thee.

111 8,8,8,8,8,8,9,9,8.

COME, Holy Spirit, God and Lord!
  Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of every tongue and every nation;
We, therefore, sing with exultation:
  Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2 Thou holy Light, our Guide divine,
O cause the Word of life to shine;
Teach us to know our God aright,
And call Him Father with delight,
From error, Lord, our souls defend,
That they on Christ alone attend,
In Him with living faith abiding,
In Him with all their might confiding.
  Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3 Thou holy Fire, sweet Source of rest,
Grant that, with joy and hope possessed
We always in Thy service stay,
And trouble drive us not away.
Lord, by Thy power prepare each heart
To our weak nature strength impart,
That firmly here we be contending,
Through life and death to Thee ascending.
  Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

112 C. M.

COME, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

2 See, how we grovel here below,
Fond of these earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go,
To reach eternal joys!

3 In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise:
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

4 Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
At this poor, dying rate—
Our love so cold, so faint to Thee,
And Thine to us so great?

5 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers.
Come, shed abroad a Saviour's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

113 8, 7, 7.

COME, O come, Thou quickening Spirit,
True God from eternity!
Let us Thy blest grace inherit,
And our souls be filled with Thee;
Then shall spirit, life, and light
Dissipate our inner night.

2 Grant our hearts Thy heavenly treasure:
Wisdom, counsel, purity;
That in naught we may take pleasure
But in that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow,
Working errors' overthrow.

3 Lead us to our soul's salvation,
  Keep us in the paths of grace,
Shield us from the world's temptation
  That might foil us in the race;
When we stumble, hear our call,
Work repentance for our fall.

4 Let us trust Thy witness wholly
  That we children are of God,
Who rely upon Him solely,
  When they pass beneath the rod;
For the Father's chastenings
Bless above all earthly things.

5 Prompt us, that we come before Him
  Joyously with hope in view,
Sigh in us, when we implore Him.
  Ever plead for us anew;
Then our prayer shall not be vain,
And our faith new strength shall gain.

6 If our soul for comfort languish,
  And despondency grow strong,
That the heart must cry in anguish:
  "O my God, my God, how long!"
Comfort then the aching breast,
Grant us courage, patience, rest.

7 Mighty Spirit of reliance,
  Sure Defence in all our need!
When the Foe bids us defiance,
  Bid Thy work in us God speed!
Grant us weapons for the strife,
And with victory crown our life.

8 Guard, O God, our faith forever;
  Let not Satan, death or shame
Ever part us from our Saviour;
  Lord, our refuge is Thy name.

Though our flesh would fain say Nay,
Be Thy Word to us still Yea.

9 And when death life's thread is rending,
Then assure us yet the more,
As the heirs of life unending,
Of the glory there in store
Which can never be expressed,
But with which we shall be blest.

114 7s.

GRACIOUS Spirit, Dove divine!
Let Thy light within me shine;
All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me with Thy heavenly love.

2 Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Set the burdened sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in His precious blood.

3 Life and peace to me impart;
Seal salvation on my heart;
Dwell Thyself within my breast,
Earnest of eternal rest.

4 Let me never from Thee stray,
Keep me in the narrow way:
Fill my soul with joy divine,
Keep me, Lord, forever Thine.

115 7s.

HOLY GHOST, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine!
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

2 Let me see my Saviour's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me,
Which are only known to Thee.

3 Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine:
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.

4 Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.

5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol-throne.
Reign supreme and reign alone.

6 See, to Thee I yield my heart,
Shed Thy life through every part.
A pure temple I would be,
Wholly dedicate to Thee.

116 C. H. M.

LET songs of praises fill the sky:
Christ, our ascended Lord,
Sends down His Spirit from on high,
According to His word:
All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

2 The Spirit by His heavenly breath,
Creates new life within;
He quickens sinners from the death
Of trespasses and sin:
All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

3 The things of Christ the Spirit takes,
And shows them unto men:
The fallen soul His temple makes;
God's image stamps again:

All hail the day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

4 Come, Holy Spirit, from above,
With Thy celestial fire;
Come, and with flames of zeal and love
Our hearts and tongues inspire!
Be this our day of Pentecost,
The coming of the Holy Ghost!

117 7, 6.

O ENTER, Lord, Thy temple,
Be Thou my Spirit's Guest,
Who gavest me, the earth-born,
A second birth more blest.
Thou in the Godhead, Lord,
Though here to dwell Thou deignest
Forever equal reignest,
Art equally adored.

2 O enter, let me know Thee,
And feel Thy power within,
The power that breaks our fetters,
And rescues us from sin;
So wash and cleanse Thou me,
That I may serve Thee truly,
And render honor duly
With perfect heart to Thee.

3 An olive wild by nature
Thou graftedst me anew;
Death preyed upon my vitals,
And claimed me as his due:
But Christ's atoning blood,
In death true comfort granting,
Drowned death with all his vaunting,
In His baptismal flood.

4 Thou art, O Holy Spirit,
The true anointing Oil,

Through which are consecrated
  Soul, body, ease and toil
To Christ whose guardian wings,
  Where'er their lot appointed,
  Protect His own anointed,
His prophets, priests, and kings.

5 'Tis Thou, O Spirit, teachest
  The soul to pray aright;
Thy songs have sweetest music,
  Thy prayers have wondrous might:
They pierce the highest heaven,
  Unheard they cannot fall,
Till He His help hath given
  Who surely helpeth all.

6 Joy is Thy gift, O Spirit!
  Thou wouldst not have us pine;
In darkest hours Thy comfort
  Doth aye most brightly shine;
Ah! then how oft Thy voice
  Hath shed its sweetness o'er me,
  And opened heaven before me,
And bid my heart rejoice!

7 All love is Thine, O Spirit!
  Thou hatest enmity;
Thou lovest peace and friendship,
  All strife wouldst have us flee;
Where wrath and discord reign
  Thy whisper inly pleadeth,
  And to the heart that heedeth
Brings love and light again.

8 The whole wide world, O Spirit!
  Upon Thy hands doth rest
Our wayward hearts Thou turnest
  As it may seem Thee best;
Once more Thy power make known,
  As Thou hast done so often,

Convert the wicked, soften
Thyself the hearts of stone.

9 O Holy Spirit, hear us
And make our sorrow cease,
Thy scattered flock restore now
To union, joy, and peace;
Bid flourish once again
The lands by men forsaken,
The churches spoiled and shaken
By war's unhallowed train.

10 On those that rule our country
O shower Thy blessings down,
And in Thy loving-kindness
Adorn, as with a crown,
With piety our youth,
With godliness our nation,
That all, to gain salvation,
May know Thy heavenly truth

11 With holy zeal then fill us,
To keep the faith still pure:
And bless our lands and houses
With wealth that may endure;
And make the Foe to flee,
Who in us with Thee striveth,
From out our heart he driveth
Whate'er delighteth Thee.

12 Grant steadfastness and courage,
That bravely we contend
Against the wiles of Satan;
O Lord, Thy flock defend!
Help us to battle well,
To triumph o'er the Devil,
To overcome the evil
And all the powers of hell.

13 Order our path in all things
According to Thy mind,
And when this life is over,
And all must be resigned,
O grant us then to die
With calm and fearless spirit,
And after death inherit
Eternal life on high.

118 L. M.

O HOLY Ghost, eternal God,
Best Comfort for life's rugged road,
With all my heart I pray to Thee;
Hear my entreaty graciously.

2 O Lord, be Thou my Comforter,
Lest in my sins I might despair;
Protect me from the snares of hell,
Grant that in Jesus Christ I dwell.

3 That always I may ready be
To serve this Master faithfully,
And own Him in true living faith
My Lord and Saviour unto death.

4 O lead me in the narrow way,
And from the fold let me not stray,
That when this mortal frame I leave,
The crown of life I may receive.

119 8, 8, 7, 4, 8.

O HOLY Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us;
Sun of the soul, Thou Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
That we To Thee
Truly living, To Thee giving

Prayer unceasing,
Still may be in love increasing.

2 Give to Thy Word impressive power,
That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing;
That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
Thy glory ever showing.
O stay And sway
Our souls ever, That they never
May forsake Thee,
But by faith their refuge make Thee.

3 Thou Fountain, whence all wisdom flows,
Which God on pious hearts bestows,
Grant us Thy consolation,
That in our pure faith's unity
We faithful witnesses may be
Of grace that brings salvation.
Hear us, Cheer us
By Thy teaching; Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise Thee, Lord, and bless our neighbor.

4 Left to ourselves we shall but stray;
O lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us,
And give us steadfastness, that we
May ever faithful prove to Thee,
Whatever woes betide us.
Lord, now Heal Thou
All hearts broken, And betoken
Thou art near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

5 Thy heavenly strength sustain our heart
That we may act the valiant part
With Thee as our Reliance;
Be Thou our Refuge and our Shield,

That we may never quit the field,
  Bidding all foes defiance.
Descend, Defend
From all errors And earth's terrors:
Thy salvation
Be our constant consolation.

6 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Thy dear Word, 'mid doubt and strife,
  Be so within us burning,
That we be faithful unto death,
In Thy pure love and holy faith,
  From Thee true wisdom learning!
Thy grace And peace
On us shower; By Thy power
Christ confessing,
Let us win our Saviour's blessing.

7 O gentle Dew, from heaven now fall
With power upon the hearts of all,
  Thy tender love instilling:
That heart to heart more closely bound,
Fruitful in kindly deeds be found,
  The law of love fulfilling;
Then, Lord, Discord
Shall not grieve Thee; We receive Thee;
Where Thou livest,
Peace, and love, and joy Thou givest.

8 Grant that our days, while life shall last,
In purest holiness be passed,
  Be Thou our Strength forever;
Grant that our hearts henceforth be free
From sinful lust and vanity,
  Which us from Thee must sever.
Keep Thou Pure now
From offences Heart and senses.
Blessed Spirit!
Let us heavenly life inherit.

120 9, 9, 11, 10, 4.

NOW do we pray God, the Holy Ghost,
For the true faith which we need the most,
And that He defend us, when life is ending,
And from exile home we shall be wending.
Lord, have mercy!

2 Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Saviour, whose blood has bought us,
Who again to our true home has brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

3 Thou sweetest Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heavenly fire aglow,
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with every brother.
Lord, have mercy!

4 Thou highest Comfort in every need!
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,
That e'en then our courage may never fail us,
When at last th' Accuser shall assail us.
Lord, have mercy!

121 8, 7, 8, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8.

SEND, O God, a gentle shower,
For my heart is dry as sand;
Father, bathe Thy drooping flower,
Water Thou Thy thirsty land;
Let Thy Holy Spirit's boon
O'er me from Thy heavenly throne
Like abundant streams be flowing
Blessings on my heart bestowing

2 By a human father, even
Though he is by sin defiled,
Only good gifts will be given
Unto a beloved child;

How much more dost Thou the same
For "Good Father" is Thy name!
Thou wilt send to me Thy Spirit,
Thy good gifts I shall inherit.

3 Jesus, who for my salvation
To the Father didst ascend,
Hear my earnest supplication,
Unto me Thy Spirit send;
Let the Comforter for aye
Bide with me, my Strength and Stay,
That in faith I may not waver,
Steadfast in the truth forever.

4 Holy Ghost, Strength of the simple,
O make Thine abode with me,
Let me ever be Thy temple;
Cheerfully I welcome Thee.
Do Thou purify my heart,
Cast out all things that might part
Me from those sweet joys of heaven
Which by Thee to faith are given.

5 With Thy gifts my heart endowing,
Make it new and clean and fair;
Let it in true love be glowing,
Living in Thy grace fore'er;
Give me courage bold and good,
Sanctify my flesh and blood,
Let me, trusting in Christ's merit,
Worship God in truth and spirit.

6 Thus myself I will deliver,
Lord, to Thee; my soul shall strive
Only after heaven forever,
Until there I shall arrive
Where the Father, and the Son,
And Thyself in heaven's high throne,
I shall praise and all Thy treasures
In angelic, heavenly measures.

122 L. M.

SPIRIT of mercy, truth and love,
O shed Thine influence from above:
And still from age to age convey
The wonders of this sacred day.

2 In every clime, by every tongue,
Be God's surpassing glory sung;
Let all the listening earth be taught
The wonders by our Saviour wrought.

3 Unfailing Comfort, heavenly Guide,
Still o'er Thy holy Church preside;
Still let mankind Thy blessings prove,
Spirit of mercy, truth, and love.

X. TRINITY.

123 6, 4.

COME, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

2 Jesus, our Lord, arise;
Scatter our enemies,
And make them fall;
Let Thine almighty aid
Our sure defence be made;
Our souls on Thee be stayed;
Lord, hear our call!

3 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,

Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

4 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

5 To the great One in Three
The highest praises be,
Hence, evermore!
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore!

124 S. M.

FATHER, in whom we live,
In whom we are and move,
All glory, power, and praise receive
For Thy creating love.

2 O Thou incarnate Word,
Let all Thy ransomed race
Unite in thanks, with one accord,
For Thy redeeming grace.

3 Spirit of holiness,
Let all Thy saints adore
Thy sacred gifts, and join to bless
Thy heart-renewing power.

4 Eternal, triune Lord,
Let all the hosts above,

Let all the sons of men record
And dwell upon Thy love.

125 C. M.

FATHER of glory! to Thy name
Immortal praise we give,
Who dost an act of grace proclaim,
And bid us rebels live.

2 Immortal honor to the Son,
Who makes Thine anger cease;
Our lives He ransomed with His own,
And died to make our peace.

3 To Thine almighty Spirit be
Immortal glory given,
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee,
And train us up for heaven.

4 Let men with their united voice
Adore th' eternal God,
And spread His honors and their joys
Through nations far abroad.

5 Let faith, and love, and duty, join
One grateful song to raise;
Let saints in earth and heaven combine
In harmony and praise.

126 L. M.

FATHER of heaven! whose love profound
A ransom for our souls has found,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.

2 Almighty Son! Incarnate Word!
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit! by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy quickening power extend.

4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son!
Eternal Godhead! Three in One!
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life, to us extend!

127 7s.

GOD the Father, be our Stay,
When hell's dread powers assail us;
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
Nor in our last hour fail us.
Keep us from the Evil One:
Firm in the faith abiding,
In Christ our Saviour hiding,
And heartily confiding.
Let us put God's armor on:
With all true Christians running
Our heavenly race, and shunning
The Devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, Amen, this be done,
So sing we Hallelujah!

2 Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay, etc.

3 Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay, etc.

128 6, 7.

THE LORD my God be praised,
My Light, my Life from heaven,
My Maker, who to me
Hath soul and body given,
My Father, who protects
My life from infancy,
And mighty gifts of love
Hath e'er bestowed on me.

2 The Lord my God be praised,
My Trust, my Life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who thus atoned for me
With His most precious blood,
Who giveth to my faith
The greatest heavenly good.

3 The Lord my God be praised,
My Hope, my Life from heaven,
The Father's Spirit, whom
The Son to me hath given:
He who revives my heart,
And gives me strength and power,
Help, comfort and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4 The Lord my God be praised,
He who forever liveth,
To whom the heavenly host
E'er praise and honor giveth;
The Lord my God be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

5 To Him we now sing praise,
With joy our offering bringing,
And with the angel host.
The "Holy! Holy!" singing
To Him all Christendom
Sings praises joyfully;
The Lord my God be praised
Throughout eternity!

129 8,7,7.

THE mystery hidden from the eyes
Of learned men and sages,
God hath revealed us from the skies,
In Scriptures holy pages,

That He alone is King above
All other gods whatever,
Great, mighty, faithful, full of love,
His people's Shield and Saviour;
One Essence, but three Persons.

2 As Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The righteous seed adore Him;
So named, so praised, He is the boast
Of all who bow before Him;
He's Abraham's and Isaac's God,
And Jacob's whom He knoweth,
The Lord of hosts, who every good,
Both night and day, bestoweth;
Who only worketh wonders.

3 The Father hath the Son begot,
First-born of every creature;
The Son took our weak flesh, but not
Our sinfulness of nature;
Both from the Father and the Son
The Holy Ghost proceedeth
From all eternity; yet none
In might and power exceedeth;
All equal, co-eternal.

4 Be glad, my heart, thy Portion see,
Thy priceless Pearl and Treasure!
He is thy Friend, supply will He
Thy needs with bounteous measure:
He made thee in His image, was
For thy offences smitten,
With true faith fill thee, through His grace
Doth all thy crosses sweeten
With His dear word of promise.

5 Rise, then, to Him, the Ever-blest,
And learn to know Him rightly;
Such knowledge can alone bring rest,

And make thy soul burn brightly
With the pure flame of holy love,
Which cheers thy course to heaven;
For God will show thee things above,
Which here 'tis only given
To hear of, and see darkly.

6 But woe to the ungodly race
In willful blindness living,
Rejecting God and His dear grace,
Their heart to creatures giving.
On them, alas! the hellish gates
Ere long will close forever;
For him whom God rejects and hates
God will reject and sever
From His eternal kingdom.

7 O Prince of might! Thy mercy show,
Thou God of earth and heaven;
To every sinner here below
Thy saving grace be given!
Bring back Thy sheep that go astray,
And blinded eyes enlighten,
And turn Thou everything away
That wickedly might frighten
Thine own, whose faith is feeble.

8 Grant this, that we Thy people may
All reach the heavenly portals,
And in Thy kingdom sing for aye
'Mid all the blest immortals:
That Thou, O Lord, art King alone,
Above all gods whatever,
The Father, Son, and Spirit, One,
Thy people's Shield and Saviour,
One Essence, but three Persons!

130 10s.

THESE things the seer Isaiah did befall;
In spirit he beheld the Lord of all
On a high throne raised up in splendor bright,
His garment's border filled the choir with light
Beside Him stood two Seraphim, which had
Six wings, wherewith they both alike were clad:
With twain they hid their shining face, with twain
They hid their feet as with a flowing train,
And with the other twain they both did fly.
One to the other thus aloud did cry:
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory filleth all the trembling earth."
With the loud cry the posts and thresholds shook,
And the whole house was filled with mist and smoke.

131 L. M.

THOU who art Three in unity,
True God from all eternity,
The sun is fading from our sight,
Shine Thou on us with heavenly light.

2 We praise Thee with the dawning day,
To Thee at even also pray;
With our poor song we worship Thee
Now, ever, and eternally.

3 Let God the Father be adored,
And God the Son, the only Lord,
And God the Holy Spirit be
Adored throughout eternity!

XI. MICHAELMAS.

132 8,7,7,7.

JESUS, Brightness of the Father,
Life and Strength of all who live!
In the presence of the angels
Glory to Thy name we give:
And Thy wondrous praise rehearse,
Singing in harmonious verse.

2 Blessed Lord, by their protection
Shelter us from harm this day:
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit;
Save us from the Foe we pray:
And vouchsafe us by Thy grace
In Thy paradise a place.

3 Glory to the almighty Father,
Sing we with the heavenly host;
Glory to the great Redeemer:
Glory to the Holy Ghost;
Three in One, and One in Three,
Throughout all eternity!

133 L. M.

LORD God, we all to Thee give praise,
Thankofferings meet to Thee we raise,
That Thou didst angel hosts create,
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.

2 They glow with light and heavenly grace,
And constantly behold Thy face;
Obedience to Thy voice they yield,
And are with godly wisdom filled.

3 They never rest nor sleep, as we;
Their whole delight is but to be
Forever near Thee, gracious Lord,
Thy little flock to watch and guard.

4 The foul old Dragon and dread Foe
With envy, hate, and wrath doth glow;
It always is his aim and pride
Thy Christian people to divide.

5 As he has blighted earth of old,
He keeps e'en now his deathly hold,
Chafes madly to annihilate
All virtue, honor, Church, and State.

6 Therefore, no halt nor rest he knows;
A roaring lion round he goes,
Or lies in wait with baneful snare
To drive the Christians to despair.

7 But watchful is the angel-band,
That follows Christ on every hand,
And guards Thy holy Christendom
From harm that might from Satan come.

9 From Daniel's case this may be seen,
When he sat in the lions' den,
And likewise angels rescued Lot,
That the ungodly harmed him not.

9 When the three Hebrews were at last
Into the fiery furnace cast,
No power had fiercest flames to harm
Against the rescuing angel's arm.

10 And thus our God, still at this day,
From harm and many an evil way
Keeps us by His dear angel-guard,
Placed o'er us as our watch and ward.

11 For this, now and eternally,
Our praise shall rise, O God, to Thee,
Whom all the angel-hosts adore
With joy now and forevermore.

12 We also pray Thee to defend
By them unto the latter end,
Thy fold, that little flock, O Lord,
That holds in honor Thy blessed Word.

134 10s.

STARS of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial resplendence and light;
These that, where night never followeth day,
Raise the "Thrice holy, Lord!" ever and aye!

2 These are Thy ministers; these dost Thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth! nearest Thy throne.
These are Thy messengers; these dost Thou send,
Help of the helpless ones, man to defend.

3 When by Thy word earth was first poised in space;
When the far planets first sped on their race;
When was completed the six days' employ,
Then "all the sons of God shouted for joy."

4 Still let them succor us; still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts! battling for right:
Till, where their anthems they ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

XII. REFORMATION.

135 8,7,8,7,5,5,5,6,7.

A MIGHTY Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe:
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight,
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
  Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
  Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God,
  He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
  All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
  They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
  One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain,
  And not a thank have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
  With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife:
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
  The kingdom ours remaineth.

136 Iambic 8, 7.

HAD God not come, may Israel say,
  Had God not come to aid us,
Our enemies before this day
  Would surely have dismayed us;
For we are but a handful small
Held in contempt and scorn by all,
  All men rise up against us.

2 Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us,
And in the deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us;
Like men o'er whom dark waters roll,
The streams had gone e'en o'er our soul,
And mightily o'erwhelmed us.

3 Blest be the Lord, who from the pit
Snatched us, when it was gaping;
Our souls, like birds that break the net,
To the blue skies escaping;
The snare is broken—we are free!
Our help is ever, Lord, in Thee,
The God of earth and heaven.

137 Iambic 8, 7.

IF God were not upon our side
When round us foes are raging,
Were not Himself our Help and Guide
When bitter war they're waging,
Were He not Israel's mighty Shield,
To whom their utmost craft must yield,
We surely must have perished.

2 But now no human wit or might
His chosen people frighteth,
God sitteth in the highest height,
And He their counsels blighteth;
When craftiest snares and nets they lay,
God goes to work another way,
And makes a path before us.

3 Against our souls they rage and mock,
Exciting great commotion:
As billows meet with angry shock
Out on the stormy ocean,
So they our lives with fury seek;
But God hath pity on the weak,
And Him they have forgotten.

4 They call us heretics, and aye
  Their Christian name are flaunting;
They seek to spill our blood, while they
  Their fear of God are vaunting.
Ah, God! that precious name of Thine
O'er many a wicked deed must shine,
  But Thou wilt once avenge it.

5 They open wide their ravenous jaws,
  And threaten to devour us,
But thanks to God, who rules our cause,
  They shall not overpower us;
Their snares He yet will bring to naught,
And overthrow what they have taught;
  God is too mighty for them.

6 How richly He consoleth those
  Whom no one else befriendeth!
The door of grace doth never close;
  Sense cannot comprehend it,
How this may be, and deems all lost,
When through this very cross a host
  Of champions God is raising.

7 Our foes, O God, are in Thy hand,
  Thou knowest their endeavor;
But only give us strength to stand,
  And let us waver never,
Though reason strives with faith, and still
She fears to wholly trust Thy will,
  And sees not Thy salvation.

8 But heaven and earth, O Lord, are Thine,
  For Thou alone hast made them;
Thy light let on Thy people shine,
  And in their sorrows aid them;
Kindle our hearts to love and faith
That shall be steadfast e'en to death,
  Howe'er the world may murmur!

138 L. M.

LORD, keep us in Thy Word and work,
Restrain the murderous Pope and Turk
Who fain would tear from off Thy throne
Christ Jesus, Thy beloved Son.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Shield Thy poor Christendom, that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3 Thou Comforter of priceless worth,
Give one mind to Thy flock on earth,
Stand by us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.

4 Destroy their counsels, Lord our God,
And smite them with an iron rod,
And let them fall into the snare
Which for Thy Christians they prepare.

5 So that at last they may perceive
That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live,
And dost deliver mightily
All those who put their trust in Thee.

XIII. THE WORD AND THE CHURCH.

139 C. M.

BEHOLD the sure Foundation-stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon,
And His eternal praise.

2 Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
Let saints adore the name;
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.

3 The foolish builders, scribe and priest,
Reject it with disdain;

Yet on this Rock the Church shall rest
And envy rage in vain.

4 What though the gates of hell withstood;
Yet must this building rise:
'Tis Thine own work, Almighty God,
And wondrous in our eyes.

140 8, 7.

CHRIST, Thou art the sure Foundation,
Thou the Head and Corner-stone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Thou Thy Zion's help forever,
And her Confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day!
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray;
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within these walls alway.

3 Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessèd to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
One in might, and one in glory,
While eternal ages run.

141 10, 4

CHRIST, Thou the Champion of the band who own
Thy cross, O make Thy succor quickly known!
The schemes of those who long our blood have sought
Bring Thou to naught.

2 Do Thou Thyself for us Thy children fight,
Withstand the Devil, quell his rage and might,
Whate'er assails Thy members left below,
Do Thou o'erthrow.

3 And give us Thy peace: peace in Church and school,
Peace to the powers who o'er our country rule,
Peace to the conscience, peace within the heart
Do Thou impart.

4 So shall Thy goodness here be still adored,
Thou Guardian of Thy little flock, dear Lord;
And heaven and earth through all eternity
Shall worship Thee.

142 C. M.

FATHER of mercies, in Thy Word
What endless glory shines!
Forever be Thy name adored
For these celestial lines.

2 Here the Redeemer's welcome voice
Spreads heavenly peace around;
And life and everlasting joys
Attend the blissful sound.

3 O may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

4 Divine Instructor, gracious Lord!
Be Thou forever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred Word,
And view my Saviour there.

143 C. P. M.

FEAR not, O little flock, the Foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and power:
What though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints
Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true,
Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and by-word are they grown;
God is with us; we are His own;
Our victory cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer!
Great Captain, now thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end: Amen!

144 7, 6.

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,—

From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile;
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness,
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,—
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, His story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till, o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

145 8, 7.

GLORIOUS things of Thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode:

On the Rock of ages founded,
  What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
  Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
  Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
  And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
  Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which, like the Lord, the Giver,
  Never fails from age to age.

3 Saviour, since of Zion's city
  I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
  I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
  All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
  None but Zion's children know.

146 S. M.

GREAT is the Lord our God,
  And let His praise be great;
He makes the Church His own abode,
  His most delightful seat.

2 In Zion God is known,—
  A refuge in distress;
How bright has His salvation shone
  Through all her palaces!

3 Oft have our fathers told,
  Our eyes have often seen,
How well our God secures the fold,
  Where His own sheep have been.

4 In every new distress
We'll to His house repair;
We'll think upon His wondrous grace
And seek deliverance there.

147 L. M.

HERE, in Thy name, eternal God,
We build this earthly house for Thee;
O choose it for Thy fixed abode,
And keep it from all error free.

2 Here, when Thy people seek Thy face,
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling place,
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

3 Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessèd Gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the power of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.

4 When children's voices raise the song,
Hosanna to the heavenly King!
Let heaven, with earth, the strain prolong,
Hosanna! let the angels sing.

5 Thy glory never hence depart;
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone:
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix Thy throne.

148 S. M.

HOW beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their tongues,
And words of peace reveal.

2 How charming is their voice!
How sweet their tidings are!
"Zion, behold thy Saviour King;
He reigns and triumphs here."

3 How happy are our ears,
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets waited for,
And sought, but never found!

4 How blessèd are our eyes,
That see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long,
But died without the sight.

5 The watchmen join their voice,
And tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs,
And deserts learn the joy.

6 The Lord makes bare His arm
Through all the earth abroad;
Let all the nations now behold
Their Saviour and their God!

149 C. M.

HOW precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

2 O'er all the straight and narrow way
Its radiant beams are cast;
A light whose never weary ray
Grows brightest at the last.

3 It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts
In this dark vale of tears;

Life, light, and joy it still imparts,
And quells our rising fears.

4 This lamp, through all the tedious night
Of life, shall guide our way,
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

150 C. M.

HOW shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

2 'Tis like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.

3 The starry heavens Thy rule obey,
The earth maintains her place;
And these Thy servants, night and day,
Thy skill and power express.

4 But still Thy Law and Gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine;
Not earth stands firmer than Thy Word,
Nor stars so nobly shine.

5 Thy Word is everlasting truth:
How pure is every page!
That holy Book shall guide our youth,
And well support our age.

151 S. M.

I LOVE Thy Zion Lord!
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

2 I love Thy Church, O God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

3 Should I with scoffers join
Her altars to abuse?
No! better far my tongue were dumb,
My hand its skill should lose.

4 For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend:
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

6 Jesus, Thou Friend divine,
Our Saviour and our King,
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.

7 Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

152 8, 7, 7.

IN these our days so perilous,
Lord, peace in mercy send us;
No God but Thee can fight for us,
No God but Thee defend us,
Our only God and Saviour.

153 L. M.

IN vain would boasting reason find
The path to happiness and God;
Her weak directions leave the mind
Bewildered in a doubtful road.

2 Jesus, Thy words alone impart
Eternal life; on these I live;
Here sweeter comforts cheer my heart
Than all the powers of nature give.

3 Here let my constant feet abide;
Thou art the true, the living Way:
Let Thy good Spirit be my Guide
To the bright realms of endless day.

4 The various forms that men devise,
To shake my faith with treacherous art,
I scorn as vanity and lies,
And bind Thy Gospel to my heart.

154 L. M.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning-sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,

The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

5 Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more;
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

6 Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

155 S. M.

LET every ear attend,
And every heart rejoice;
The trumpet of the Gospel sounds
With an inviting voice.

2 Ho! all ye starving souls,
That feed upon the wind,
And vainly strive with earthly toys
To fill an empty mind.

3 Here Wisdom has prepared
A soul-reviving feast,
And bids your longing appetites
The rich provision taste.

4 Ho! ye that pant for streams,
And pine away and die,
Here you may quench your raging thirst
With springs that never dry.

5 Rivers of mercy here
In a rich ocean join;
Salvation in abundance flows,
Like floods of milk and wine.

6 The gates of Gospel grace
Stand open night and day:
Lord! we are come to seek supplies,
And drive our wants away.

156 7, 6.

LET me be Thine forever,
Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never
Nor wander from Thy Word,
Lord, do not let me waver,
But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever
Thy holy name I'll bless.

2 Lord Jesus, my Salvation,
My Light, my Life divine,
My only Consolation,
O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me
With blood and bitter pain;
Let me, since Thou hast sought me,
Eternal life obtain.

3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit,
My Comforter and Guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit
I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing,
Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing,
And grant a Christian death.

157 Iambic. 8, 7

LORD, In Thy kingdom there shall be
No aliens from each other,
But even as he loves himself
Each saint shall love his brother.

2 When in Thy courts below we meet
To mourn our sinful living,
And with united hearts repeat
Confession, creed, thanksgiving:

3 Make us to hear in each sweet word
Thy Holy Spirit calling
To oneness with Thy Church and Thee,
That heavenly bond forestalling.

4 One Baptism and one faith have we,
One Spirit sent to win us,
One Lord, one Father, and one God,
Above, and through, and in us.

5 Never, by schism, or by sin,
May we that union sever,
Till all, to perfect stature grown,
Are one with Thee forever.

158 L. M.

LORD Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the even-tide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heavenly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.

2 In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness,
That pure we keep—till life is spent—
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.

3 Lord Jesus, help, Thy Church uphold,
For we are sluggish. thoughtless, cold;
Indue Thy Word with power and grace,
And spread its truth in every place.

2 O keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay;
Unto Thy Church grant, Lord, Thy grace,
Peace, concord, patience, fearlessness.

5 O God! how sins' dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found.
And wide has falsehood's spirit spread,
And error boldly rears its head.

6 Those haughty spirits, Lord, restrain,
That fain would o'er Thy Christians reign,
And always set forth something new,
Devised to change Thy doctrine true.

7 And as the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, do Thou afford
Us help and strength and constancy ;
With all our heart we trust in Thee.

8 A trusty weapon is Thy Word,
Thy Church's buckler, shield and sword ;
Lord, let us by this Word abide,
That we may seek no other guide.

9 O grant that in Thy holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us into glory there.

159 7s.

LORD of hosts, to Thee we raise
Here a house of prayer and praise ;
Thou Thy people's hearts prepare
Here to meet for praise and prayer.

2 Let the living here be fed
With Thy Word, the heavenly bread ;
Here reveal Thy mercy sure,
While the sun and moon endure.

3 Hallelujah !—earth and sky
To the joyful sound reply ;
Hallelujah !—hence ascend
Prayer and praise till time shall end.

160 8, 7, 7.

MAY God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us,
And may the brightness of His face,
To life eternal guide us ;
That we His gracious work may know,
And what is His good pleasure,
And also to the heathen show
Christ's riches without measure,
And unto God convert them.

2 Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of every nation,
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation ;
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish ;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

3 O let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing ;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth.
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us !
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, Amen.

161 C. P. M.

MAY we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill,
And do on earth our Father's will,
As angels do above :
Still walk in Christ, the living Way,
With all Thy children, and obey
The law of Christian love.

2 So may we join Thy name to bless,
Thy grace adore, Thy power confess,
From sin and strife to flee:
One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same,
A crown of life with Thee.

3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply:
To each of us the blessing give,
In Christian fellowship to live,
In joyfull hope to die.

162 L. M.

O Christ, our true and only Light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Thy voice,
And in Thy fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Thy grace
The souls now lost in error's maze,
And all whom in their secret minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 And all who else have strayed from Thee,
O gently seek! Thy healing be
To every wounded conscience given,
And let them also share Thy heaven.

4 O make the deaf to hear Thy Word,
And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord,
Who dare not yet the faith avow,
Though secretly they hold it now.

5 Shine on the darkened and the cold,
Recall the wanderers from Thy fold,
Unite all those who walk apart,
Confirm the weak and doubting heart.

6 So they with us may evermore
Such grace with wondering thanks adore,
And endless praise to Thee be given
By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.

163 Iambic. 8, 7.

O God, from heaven look down and see
A sight which well may move Thee:
Of godly men how few there be,
Forsaken we who love Thee!
Withheld is Thy pure Word, the light
Of faith itself extinguished quite
In all the sons of Adam.

2 Fictions they teach with cunning art,
And lies of man's invention;
Not grounded on God's Word, their heart
Breeds naught but strange dissension;
One chooses this, another that,
Untold division they create,
Though saint-like in appearance.

3 May God root out all heresy,
And of false teachers rid us,
Who proudly say: Tush, who is he
That shall our speech forbid us!
We have the right and might alone,
And what we say must stand, we own
None as our lord and master."

4 Therefore saith God, "I must arise,
The poor suffer wrong-doing;
To me ascend my people's sighs,
And I have heard their suing:
My saving Word shall take the field,
Shall be the poor man's strength and shield,
Shall conquer all opposers."

5 As silver seven times furnace-tried;
Is pure from all its drosses,

So doth the Word of God abide
The brighter for its crosses;
For trial shows its worth aright,
And manifests its strength, and light,
That through all lands it shineth.

6 O God, preserve it pure and free
From this vile generation,
And let us be preserved by Thee
From their abomination;
The wicked walk on every side,
When 'mid Thy flock the vile abide
In power and are exalted.

164 L. M.

O SPIRIT of the living God!
In all Thy plenitude of grace,
Where'er the foot of man hath trod,
Descend on our apostate race!

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love,
To preach the reconciling Word;
Give power and unction from above,
Where'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Be darkness, at Thy coming, light;
Confusion—order, in Thy path;
Souls without strength inspire with might;
Bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of the Lord! prepare
A sinful world their God to meet;
Breathe Thou abroad like morning air,
Till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations; far and nigh
The triumphs of the cross record:
The name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call Him Lord.

6 God from eternity hath willed,
All flesh shall His salvation see;

So be the Father's love fulfilled,
The Saviour's sufferings crowned through Thee.

165 Iambic. 8, 7.

THE mouth of fools doth God confess,
But while their lips draw nigh Him,
Their heart is full of wickedness,
And all their deeds deny Him.
Corrupt are they, and every one
Abominable works hath done;
There is not one well-doer.

2 The Lord looked from His heavenly throne
On all mankind below Him,
To see if there were any one
Who truly sought to know Him;
Who all his understanding bent
To search His holy Word, intent
To do His will in earnest.

3 But none there was who walked with God
For all aside had slidden,
Delusive paths of folly trod,
And followed lusts forbidden;
Not one there was who practiced good,
Yet many deemed, in haughty mood,
Their deeds to God were pleasing.

4 How long, by folly blindly led,
Will they oppress the needy,
And eat my people up like bread?
So fierce are they and greedy!
In God they put no trust at all,
Nor will on Him in trouble call,
But be their own providers.

5 Therefore their heart is never still,
A constant fear dismays them;
God is with him who doth His will,
Who trusts Him and obeys Him;

Ye shame the counsel of the poor,
And mock him when he doth assure
That God is e'er his refuge.

6 Who shall to Israel's outcast race
From Zion bring salvation?
God will Himself at length show grace
And loose the captive nation;
That will He do by Christ their King;
Let Jacob then be glad and sing,
And Israel be joyful.

166 C. M.

THE Saviour calls; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound.
Ye doubting souls, dismiss your fear;
Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart,
Here streams of bounty flow.
And life, and health, and bliss impart,
To banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasure rise,
To ease your every pain;
Immortal fountain! full supplies!
Nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 Ye sinners come, 'tis mercy's voice;
The gracious call obey:
Mercy invites to heavenly joys,
And can you yet delay?

5 Dear Saviour, draw reluctant hearts;
To Thee let sinners fly,
And take the bliss Thy love imparts,
And drink and never die.

167 S. M.

THE Spirit, in our hearts,
Is whispering, "Sinner come!"
The Bride, the Church of Christ, proclaims
To all His children, "Come!"

2 Let him that heareth say
  To all about him, "Come!"
Let him that thirsts for righteousness,
  To Christ, the Fountain, come!

3 Yes, whosoever will,
  O let him freely come,
And freely drink the stream of life;
  'Tis Jesus bids him come.

4 Lo, Jesus, who invites,
  Declares, "I quickly come;"
Lord, even so! I wait Thine hour;
  O blest Redeemer, come!

168 L. M.

THINE honor rescue, Christ our Lord!
  Hear Zion's sighs, and help afford;
Destroy the wiles of mighty foes,
Who now Thy Word and truth oppose.

2 Their craft of vaunting pomp are great;
High beat their hearts, with power elate;
Our dearest hopes they but deride,
They deem us nothing in their pride.

3 Forgive, O Lord, our sins forgive,
Grant us Thy grace and let us live;
Convince Thy foes throughout the land
That godless counsels shall not stand.

4 Preserve Thy little flock in peace,
Nor let Thy boundless mercy cease;
Let it to all the world appear
That Thy true Church indeed is here.

5 That Thou art with us, loud proclaim,
Who put'st our enemies to shame,
Dost all their haughtiness suppress,
And help Thine own in their distress.

169 L. M

WHEN Israel through the desert passed,
A fiery pillar went before,
To guide them through the dreary waste,
And lessen the fatigues they bore.

2 Such is Thy glorious Word, O God!
'Tis for our light and guidance given;
It sheds its luster all abroad,
And points the path to bliss and heaven

3 It fills the soul with sweet delight,
And quickens its inactive powers;
It sets our wand'ring footsteps right,
Displays Thy love, and kindles ours.

4 Its promises rejoice our hearts;
Its doctrines are divinely true;
While highest wisdom it imparts,
It comforts and instructs us too.

5 Ye favored lands, that have this Word,
Ye saints, who feel its saving power,
Unite your tongues to praise the Lord,
And His distinguished grace adore!

170 8,7,4,7

ZION stands with hills surrounded,
Zion, kept by power divine;
All her foes shall be confounded,
Though the world in arms combine.
Happy Zion,
What a happy lot is thine!

2 Every human tie may perish;
Friend to friend unfaithful prove;
Brothers cease their own to cherish;
Heaven and earth at last remove:
But no changes
Can attend Jehovah's love.

3 In the furnace God may prove thee,
Thence to bring thee forth more bright,
But can never cease to love thee;
Thou art precious in His sight:
God is with thee,
God, thine everlasting Light.

XIV. CATECHISM.

171 L. M.

LORD, grant that we e'er pure retain
The catechismal doctrine plain,
As Luther taught the heavenly truth
In simple words to tender youth.

2 That we Thy holy Law may know
And mourn our sin and all its woe,
And yet believe in Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 That we on Thee, our Father, call
Who canst and wilt give help to all;
That as Thy children we may live,
Whom Thou in Baptism didst receive.

4 That, if we fall, we rise again,
Repentingly confess our sin,
And take the Sacrament in faith;—
Amen. God grant a happy death!

1. THE DECALOGUE.

172 8,8,8,7,4.

THAT man a godly life might live,
God did these ten commandments give
By His true servant Moses, high
Upon the mount Sinai.
Have mercy, Lord!

2 I am Thy God and Lord alone,
No other God beside me own;
Put Thy whole confidence in me,
And love me e'er cordially.
Have mercy, Lord!

3 By idle word and speech profane
Take not my holy name in vain,
And praise but that as good and true
Which I myself say and do.
Have mercy, Lord!

4 Hallow the day which God hath blest,
That thou and all thy house may rest;
Keep hand and heart from labor free,
That God may so work in thee.
Have mercy, Lord!

5 Give to thy parents honor due,
Be dutiful, and loving too,
And help them when their strength decays,
So shalt thou have length of days.
Have mercy, Lord!

6 In sinful wrath thou shalt not kill,
Nor hate, nor render ill for ill;
Be patient and of gentle mood,
And to thy foe do thou good.
Have mercy, Lord!

7 Be faithful to thy marriage vows,
Thy heart give only to thy spouse;
Thy life keep pure, and lest thou sin,
Use temp'rance and discipline,
Have mercy, Lord!

8 Steal not; all usury abhor,
Nor wring their life-blood from the poor;
But open wide thy loving hand
To all the poor in the land.
Have mercy, Lord!

9 Bear not false witness, nor belie
Thy neighbor by foul calumny;
Defend his innocence from blame,
With charity hide his shame.
Have mercy, Lord!

10 Thy neighbor's house desire thou not,
His wife, nor aught that he hath got,
But wish that his such good may be,
As thy heart doth wish for thee.
Have mercy Lord!

11 God these commandments gave, therein
To show thee, child of man, thy sin,
And make thee also well perceive,
How man unto God should live.
Have mercy, Lord!

12 Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, for we
A mediator have in Thee;
Our works cannot salvation gain,
They merit but endless pain.
Have mercy, Lord!

173 8,8,8,7,4.

WILT thou, O man, live happily,
And dwell with God eternally?
The ten commandments keep, for thus
Our God Himself biddeth us.
Have mercy, Lord!

2 I am thy Lord and God! take heed
No other god doth thee mislead;
Thy heart shall trust alone in me,
Thou shalt my own kingdom be.
Have mercy, Lord!

3 Honor my name in word and deed,
And call on me in time of need;
Hallow the Sabbath, that I may
Work in thy heart on that day.
Have mercy, Lord!

4 Obedient always, next to me,
To father and to mother be;
Kill no man, but to wrath be slow;
Be true to thy marriage vow.
Have mercy, Lord!

5 Steal not, nor do thy neighbor wrong
By bearing witness with false tongue;
Thy neighbor's wife desire thou not,
Nor grudge him aught he hath got.
Have mercy, Lord!

2. THE CREED.

174 8,7,7,7,7,7.

WE all believe in One true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Present Helper in all need,
Praised by all the heavenly host,
By whose mighty power alone
All is made, and wrought, and done.

2 And we believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God, and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His throne,
And for us salvation won;
By whose blood and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

3 And we confess the Holy Ghost.
Who from both fore'er proceeds;
Who upholds and comforts us
In the midst of fears and needs.
Blest and holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

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WE all believe in one true God,
Maker of the earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Hath the claim of children given:
He in soul and body feeds us,
All we want his hand provides us,
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watches that no harm betides us;
He cares for us by day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2 And we believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne and might,
Through whom comes the Father's blessing:
Conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of Mary, virgin-mother,
That lost man might life inherit,
Made true man, our Elder Brother,
Was crucified for sinful men,
And raised by God to life again.

3 We in the Holy Ghost believe,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth,
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Christian Church doth even
Keep in unity of spirit;
Sins are truly here forgiven
Through the blest Redeemer's merit;
All flesh shall rise again, and we
Shall live with God eternally; Amen.

3. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

176 L. M. 61.

OUR Father, Thou in heaven above,
Who biddest us to dwell in love,

As brothers of one family,
And cry for all we need to Thee:—
Teach us to mean the words we say,
And from the inmost heart to pray.

2 Thy name be hallowed! help us Lord,
To keep in purity Thy Word,
And lead according to Thy name,
A holy life, untouched by blame;
Let no false teachings do us hurt,
All poor deluded souls convert.

3 Thy kingdom come! Thine let it be
In time, and through eternity!
O let Thy Holy Spirit dwell
With us, to rule and guide us well;
From Satan's mighty power and rage
Preserve Thy Church from age to age

4 Thy will be done on earth, O Lord,
As where in heaven Thou art adored!
Patience in time of grief bestow,
Obedience in weal and woe;
Our sinful flesh and blood control
That thwart Thy will within the soul.

5 Give us this day our daily bread
And all that for this life we need;
From war and strife be our Defence,
From famine and from pestilence,
That we may live in godly peace,
Unvexed by cares and avarice.

6 Lord, all our trespasses forgive,
That they our hearts no more may grieve,
As we forgive their trespasses
Who unto us have done amiss;
Thus let us dwell in charity,
And serve each other willingly.

7 Into temptation lead us not;
And when the Foe doth war and plot
Against our souls on every hand,
Then armed with faith, O may we stand
Against him as a valiant host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us!
The times and days are perilous;
Redeem us from eternal death;
And when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to Thee in peace.

9 Amen! that is, So let it be!
Confirm our faith continually,
That we may doubt not, but believe
That what we ask we shall receive;
Thus in Thy name and at Thy word
We say: Amen; O hear us, Lord!

4. BAPTISM.

177 9,8,9,8,8,8

BAPTIZED into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host;
Buried with Christ, and dead to sin,
Thy spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, Thou dost take me
To be henceforth Thy child and heir;
My faithful Saviour, Thou dost make me
The fruit of all Thy sorrows share;
Thou, Holy Ghost, wilt comfort me,
When darkest clouds around I see.

3 And I have vowed to fear and love Thee,
And to obey Thee, Lord, alone;
I felt Thy Holy Spirit move me,
And freely pledged myself Thine own,
Renouncing sin to keep the faith,
And war with evil unto death.

My faithful God, Thou failest never,
Thy covenant surely will abide;
O cast me not away forever,
Should I transgress it on my side;
If I have sore my soul defiled,
Yet still forgive, restore Thy child.

5 Yea, all I am, and love most dearly,—
To Thee I offer new the whole;
O let me make my vows sincerely,
Take full possession of my soul,
Let naught within me, naught I own,
Serve any will but Thine alone.

6 Depart, depart! Thou Prince of darkness!
No more by thee I'll be enticed.
Mine is indeed a tarnished conscience,
But sprinkled with the blood of Christ.
Away, vain world! O sin, away!
Lo! I renounce you all this day.

7 And never let my purpose falter,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
But keep me faithful to Thine altar,
Till Thou shalt call me from my post;
So unto Thee I live and die,
And praise Thee evermore on high.

178 7,8,8.

BLESSED Jesus, here we stand,
Met to do as Thou hast spoken,
And this child, at Thy command,
Now we bring to Thee, in token

That to Christ it here is given:
For of such shall be Thy heaven.

2 Yes, Thy warning voice is plain,
And we would obey it duly:
"He who is not born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
Will My kingdom ne'er inherit."

3 Therefore hasten we to Thee,—
Take the pledge we bring, O take it!
Let us here Thy glory see,
And in tender pity make it
Now Thy child, and leave it never,
Thine on earth, and Thine forever.

4 Wash it, Jesus, in Thy blood,
From the sin-stain of its nature;
Let it rise from out this flood
Clothed in Thee, a new born creature;
May it, washed as Thou hast bidden,
In thine innocence be hidden.

5 Turn the darkness into light,
To Thy grace receive and save it;
Heal the Serpent's venomed bite,
In the font where now we lave it;
Here let flow a Jordan river,
And from leprosy deliver.

6 Make it, Head, Thy member now;
Shepherd, take Thy lamb and feed it;
Prince of peace, its Peace be Thou;
Way of life, to heaven lead it;
Vine, this branch may nothing sever,
Graft by faith in Thee forever.

7 Now into Thy heart we pour
  Prayers, that from our hearts proceeded;
Let our sighing heavenward soar,
  Let our warm desires be heeded;
Write the name we now have given,—
Write it in the book of heaven.

179 8,7,7

TO Jordan came our Lord, the Christ,
  To do God's pleasure willing,
And there was by Saint John baptized,
  All righteousness fulfilling;
There did He consecrate a bath
  To wash away transgression,
And quench the bitterness of death
  By His own blood and passion;
He would a new life give us.

2 So hear ye all, and well perceive
  What God doth call Baptism,
And what a Christian should believe,
  Who error shuns and schism:
That we should water use, the Lord
  Declareth in His pleasure,
Not simple water, but the Word
  And Spirit without measure;—
He is the true Baptizer.

3 To show us this, He hath His word
  With signs and symbols given;
On Jordan's banks was plainly heard
  The Father's voice from heaven:
"This is my well-beloved Son,
  In whom my soul delighteth;
Hear him!" Yea, hear Him every one,
  Whom He Himself inviteth;
Hear and obey His teaching!

4 In tender manhood God the Son
  In Jordan's water standeth;
The Holy Ghost from heaven's throne
  In dove-like form descendeth;
That thus the truth be not denied,
  Nor should our faith e'er waver,
That the Three Persons all preside
  At Baptism's holy laver,
And dwell with the believer.

5 Thus Jesus His disciples sent
  Go, teach ye every nation,
That, lost in sin, they must repent,
  And flee from condemnation;
He that believes and is baptized
  Shall thereby have salvation,
A new-born man he is in Christ,
  From death free and damnation,
He shall inherit heaven.

6 Who in this mercy hath not faith,
  Nor aught therein discerneth,
Is yet in sin, condemned to death
  And fire that ever burneth;
His holiness avails him not,
  Nor aught which he is doing;
His inborn sin brings all to naught,
  And maketh sure his ruin;
Himself he cannot succor.

7 The eye of sense alone is dim,
  And nothing sees but water;
Faith sees Christ Jesus, and in Him
  The Lamb ordained for slaughter;
It sees the cleansing fountain, red
  With the dear blood of Jesus,
Which from the sins, inherited
  From fallen Adam, frees us,
And from our own misdoings.

5. ABSOLUTION.

180 L. M.

O FAITHFUL God, we worship Thee!
Thou pardon'st our iniquity,
Thou grantest help in sin's distress,
And soul and body Thou dost bless.

2 Thou, through Thy servant, say'st to me:
"Thy sins are all forgiven thee,
Depart in peace; but sin no more,
And e'er my pardoning grace adore."

3 O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart,
Through Christ our Saviour's precious blood,
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.

4 Give us Thy Spirit, peace afford
Now and forever, gracious Lord!
Thy Word and holy Sacrament
Preserve to us, till life is spent.

181 L. M.

YEA, as I live, Jehovah saith,
I do not wish the sinner's death,
But that he turn from error's ways,
Repent and live through endless days.

2 Hence Christ His foll'wers gave command:
Go forth and preach in every land;
Pardon to every soul extend
That mourns, believes and will amend.

3 Whose sins soever ye remit,
I truly pardon and acquit;
Whose sins soever ye retain,
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

4 What ye shall bind, that bound shall be;
What ye shall loose, that shall be free;
To all alike the keys are given
To ope and close the gates of heaven.

5 They who believe, when ye proclaim
The joyful tidings in my name,
That I for them my blood have shed,
Are free from guilt and judgment dread.

6 The words which Absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.

7 However great our sin may be,
The Absolution sets us free,
Appointed by God's own dear Son
To bring the pardon He has won.

8 When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes,
The purchase of His blood receives.

9 This is the Power of Holy Keys,
It binds and doth again release;
The Church retains them at her side,
Our Mother and Christ's holy Bride.

10 Let those who stings of conscience bear,
Whom sin would drive to dark despair,
To Jesus come with trustful mind
And peace in Absolution find.

11 All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee
For Absolution full and free,
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace
From false indulgence guard our race.

12 Praise God, the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be,
World without end, eternally!

6. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

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DECK thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving reverence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal;
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
"Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I never more will leave Thee."

3 He who costly goods desireth
To obtain, much gold requireth;
But to freely give the treasure
Of Thy love is Thy good pleasure,
For on earth there is no coffer
Which as payment we might offer
For this cup Thy blood containing,
And this manna, on us raining.

4 Ah! how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,

In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend, who here invites us,
And to God Himself unites us.

5 Now I sink before Thee lowly,
Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder
On Thy mighty works I ponder,
How, by mystery surrounded,
Depths no man hath ever sounded,
None may dare to pierce unbidden,
Secrets that with Thee are hidden.

6 Nay, though reason here doth ponder,
It can never reach this wonder,
That this bread is never lessened,
Though it nourish thousands present,
And that Christ His blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
O, these mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded!

7 Sun, who all my life doth brighten,
Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth,
Fount, whence all my being floweth,—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Thy glory, given.

8 Lord, Thy fervent love hath driven
Thee to leave Thy throne in heaven,
For us on the cross to languish,
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness,
And to shed Thy blood in sadness,
Which we drink now; grant that never
We forget Thy love, dear Saviour!

9 Jesus, Bread of life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee,
Never to my hurt invited,
Be Thy love with love requited;
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure;
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me
As Thy guest in heaven receive me.

183 8,8,7,8.

JESUS CHRIST, our blessed Saviour,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
Suffering pains no tongue can tell,
He saved us from the pains of hell.

2 To remind us that, to save us,
He hath died, His flesh He gave us
With this bread, a quick'ning food,
And with this wine, His precious blood.

3 Whoso to this board repaireth,
Take good heed how He prepareth;
Death instead of life shall he
Receive who comes unworthily.

4 Praise the Father, God in heaven,
Who such precious food hath given,
And for sins which thou hast done
Hath caused to die His only Son.

5 Thou shalt hold with faith unshaken,
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By those whose heart is sin-oppressed.

6 To such grace and mercy turneth
Every soul that truly mourneth;—
Art thou well?—Avoid this board,
Lest thou receive an ill reward.

7 Christ says: Come, ye heavy-laden,
I your weary hearts will gladden;
They that are yet strong and well,
Despise the best physician's skill.

8 Couldst thou earn thine own salvation,
Useless were my death and passion;
This feast is not spread for thee,
If thine own helper thou wilt be.

9 If thou this believest truly,
And confession makest duly,
Thou a welcome guest art here,
This heavenly food thy soul shall cheer.

10 But the fruits must not be missing,
Love thy neighbor without ceasing,
That true love let him receive,
Which here to thee thy God doth give.

184 7s.

LO, upon the altar lies
Bread of heaven from the skies:
Food to mortal wanderers given,
To the sons and heirs of heaven.

2 Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep!
Thou Thy flock in safety keep.
Living Bread! Thy life supply,
Strengthen us, or else we die.

3 Thou, who feedest us below!
Source of all we have or know!
Grant that with Thy saints above
We may reach Thy feast of love!

185 Iambic. 8, 7.

LORD Jesus, Thou art truly good!
Thou spreadst for our salvation
Thy body and Thy blood as food,
And giv'st us invitation;

As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For counsel and forgiveness.

2 Although Thou didst ascend to heaven,
Where angels bow before Thee,
And now to mortals 'tis not given
By sight here to adore Thee,
Until begins Thy judgment grand,
When we before Thy throne shall stand,
And cheerfully behold Thee;

3 Yet art Thou ever with us, Lord,
And with Thy congregation,
And not confined—so says Thy Word—
To any habitation.
Firm as a rock Thy Word still stands,
Unshaken by the en'mies' hands,
Though they be e'er so cunning.

4 Thou say'st: "This is my body; eat,
And orally receive me!
This is my blood; drink all of it,
And henceforth never leave me!"
What Thou hast spoken, true must be:
Thou art almighty, and with Thee
Impossible is nothing.

5 Although my reason cannot see
How in so many places
Thy body at a time may be,
Yet faith Thy Word embraces.
How it can be, I leave to Thee,
Thy Word alone sufficeth me,
For Thou wilt that we trust it.

6 Lord, I believe in simple trust,
Strength in my weakness give me,
For I am naught but sinful dust,
Nor of Thy Word bereave me!

Thy Baptism, Supper, and Thy Word,
My consolation are, O Lord,
For they contain my treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord our Saviour,
That for our sins we truly grieve,
And prove by our behaviour
That we obtained Thy saving grace,
And trust in it throughout our days;
Then will our life be godly.

8 For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for with one accord
The world against it rages.
Grant that Thy body and Thy blood
May be my comfort and sweet food
In my last moments. Amen!

186 11,8,11,8,5,9,9,6,7,5.

MAY God be praised henceforth and blest forever,
Who, Himself both Gift and Giver,
With His own flesh and blood our souls doth nourish;
May they grow thereby and flourish!
O Lord, have mercy!
By Thy holy body, the selfsame
Which from Thine own mother Mary came,
By the drops Thou didst bleed,
Help us in the hour of need!
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thou hast to death Thy holy body given,
Life to win for us in heaven;

By stronger love, dear Lord, Thou couldst not bind us,
Whereof this should well remind us.
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy love constrained Thee for our good
Mighty things to do by Thy dear blood;
Thou hast paid all we owed,
Thou hast made our peace with God.
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and blessing,
That, His holy footsteps tracing,
We walk as brethren dear in love and union,
Nor repent this sweet communion.
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us,
Grant that heavenly minded He make us,
That Thy poor Church may see
Days of peace and unity.
O Lord, have mercy!

XV. REPENTANCE.

187 Iambic. 8,7.

ALAS, my God! my sins are great,
My conscience doth upbraid me;
And now I find that in my strait
No man hath power to aid me.

2 And fled I hence, in my despair,
In some lone spot to hide me,
My griefs would still be with me there,
And peace still be denied me.

3 Lord, Thee I seek;—I merit naught,
Yet pity and restore me;
Be not Thy wrath, just God, my lot,
Thy Son hath suffered for me.

4 If pain and woe must follow sin,
Then be my path still rougher,
Here spare me not: if heaven I win,
On earth I gladly suffer.

5 But curb my heart, forgive my guilt,
Make Thou my patience firmer,
For they must miss the good Thou wilt,
Who at Thy chastenings murmur.

6 Then deal with me as seems Thee best,
Thy grace will help me bear it,
If but at last I see Thy rest,
And with my Saviour share it.

188 S. M

AND wilt Thou pardon, Lord,
A sinner such as I?
Although Thy book his crimes record
Of such a crimson dye.

2 So deep are they engraved,—
So terrible their fear:
The righteous scarcely shall be saved,
And where shall I appear?

3 O Thou Physician blest,
Make clean my guilty soul!
And me, by many a sin oppressed,
Restore, and keep me whole!

4 I know not how to praise
Thy mercy and Thy love;
But deign Thy servant to upraise,
And I shall learn above.

189 L. M.

BEHOLD a Stranger at the door!
He gently knocks, has knocked before,
Has waited long, is waiting still;
You treat no other friend so ill.

2 But will He prove a friend indeed?
He will, the very friend you need;—
The Man of Nazareth, 'tis He,
With garments dyed on Calvary.

3 O lovely attitude! He stands
With melting heart and laden hands;
O matchless kindness! and He shows
This matchless kindness to His foes.

4 Admit Him, lest His anger burn,
And He, departing, ne'er return:
Admit Him, or the hour's at hand,
When, at His door, denied you'll stand.

190 **7s.**

COME, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer:
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

2 Thou art coming to a King:
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

3 With my burden I begin:—
Lord, remove this load of sin!
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

4 Lord, I come to Thee for rest!
Take possession of my breast;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what I have to do,
Every hour my strength renew;
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die Thy people's death.

191 7s.

COME, said Jesus' sacred voice,
Come, and make my paths your choice;
I will guide you to your home;
Weary pilgrim, hither come!

2 Sinner, come! for here is found
Balm that flows for every wound:
Peace that ever shall endure;
Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

192 7s.

COME, ye weary sinners, come,
All who feel your heavy load;
Jesus calls His wanderers home;
Hasten to your pardoning God.

2 Come, ye guilty souls oppressed,
Answer to the Saviour's call:
"Come, and I will give you rest;
Come, and I will save you all."

3 Jesus, full of truth and love,
We Thy gracious call obey;
Faithful let Thy mercies prove,
Take our load of guilt away.

4 Fain we would on Thee rely,
Cast on Thee our sin and care:
To Thine arms of mercy fly,
Find our lasting quiet there.

5 Lo, we come to Thee for ease:
True and gracious as Thou art,

Now our weary souls release,
Write forgiveness on our heart.

193 11s.

DELAY not, delay not, O sinner, draw near,
The waters of life are now flowing for Thee;
No price is demanded; the Saviour is here;
Redemption is purchased, salvation is free.

2 Delay not, delay not, why longer abuse
The love and compassion of Jesus, thy God?
A fouutain is opened; how canst thou refuse
To wash and be cleansed in His pardoning blood?

3 Delay not, delay not, O sinner, to come,
For mercy still lingers, and calls thee to-day;
Her voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
Her message, unheeded, will soon pass away.

4 Delay not, delay not, the Spirit of grace,
Long grieved and resisted, may take its sad flight,
And leave thee in darkness to finish thy race,
To sink in the gloom of eternity's night.

5 Delay not, delay not, the hour is at hand;
The earth shall dissolve,and the heavens shall fade;
The dead, small and great, in the judgment shall stand;
What power then, O sinner, shall lend thee its aid?

194 L. M.

HASTEN, O sinner, to be wise,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
The longer wisdom you despise,
The harder is she to be won.

2 O hasten, mercy to implore,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear thy season should be o'er
Before this evening's course be run.

3 Hasten, O sinner, to return,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear thy lamp should fail to burn,
Before the needful work is done.

4 Hasten, O sinner, to be blest,
And stay not for the morrow's sun,
For fear the curse should thee arrest
Before the morrow is begun.

195 7,8,7

"JESUS sinners doth receive!"
O may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live,
And from God and heaven wander!
This alone sure hope can give—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!

2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray,
Every faithful shepherd seeketh;
Weary souls that lost their way,
Christ the Shepherd seeks and taketh
In His arms, that they may live—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!'

4 Come, ye sinners, one and all,
Come, ye all have invitation;

Come, obey His gracious call,
  Come and take His free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe:
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

5 I, a sinner, come to Thee,
  And acknowledge my transgression;
Tender mercy show to me,
  Grant me graciously remission;
Let these words my soul relieve:
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

6 Henceforth I need fear no foe;
  Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
  By the virtue of Thy passion;
For in these words I believe:
"Jesus sinners doth receive."

7 Now my conscience is at ease,
  Now I fear no condemnation.
He who grants me full release
  Hath atoned for my transgression;
In true faith to Him I cleave—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

8 "Jesus sinners doth receive!"
  Me, too, hath received the Saviour,
Opening heaven, that I may live
  With my Lord in bliss forever;
Gladly, then, this world I leave—
"Jesus sinners doth receive!"

196 8s

LORD Jesus Christ, in Thee alone
  My only hope on earth I place,
For other comforter is none,
  No help have I but in Thy grace.
There is no man nor creature here,
No angel in the heavenly sphere,

Who at my need can succor me
I cry to Thee,
For Thee I trust implicitly.

2 My sin is very sore and great,
I mourn beneath its dreadful load;
O free me from this heavy weight,
My Saviour, through Thy precious blood;
And with Thy Father for me plead
That Thou hast suffered in my stead;
From me the burden then is rolled.
Lord, I lay hold
On Thy dear promises of old.

3 And in Thy mercy now bestow
True Christian faith on me, O Lord!
That all the sweetness I may know
Which in Thy holy cross is stored,
Love Thee o'er earthly pride or pelf,
And love my neighbor as myself;
And when, at last, is come my end,
Be Thou my Friend,
From Satan's wiles my soul defend.

4 Glory to God in highest heaven,
The Father of eternal love;
To His dear Son, for sinners given,
Whose watchful grace we daily prove;
To God the Holy Ghost on high;
O ever be His comfort nigh,
And teach us, in His love and fear
To please Him here,
And serve Him in the heavenly sphere!

197 L. M.

O God, Thou righteous, faithful Lord,
I have not kept Thy holy Word,
But sinned, and oft offended Thee;
Now I repent—it grieveth me!

2 Thou, Father, merciful and kind,
No pleasure in my death dost find,
But strong desire doth in Thee burn,
That I should unto Thee return.

3 Since Thou, dear Father, callest me,
I, poor lost sinner, come to Thee,
Relying on Christ's precious blood
Which from His holy five wounds flowed.

4 I pray through Christ, Thine only Son,
Who for my good here flesh put on;
Thy love to me let never fail;
O'er justice let Thy grace prevail.

5 In mercy, Father, let Thy grace
Through Jesus' blood my sins efface;
Then I, the poor lost child, will be
From all my sins forever free.

6 Grant that, according to Thy Word,
I lead a godly life, O Lord,
And let me, after time is o'er,
Inherit life forevermore.

198 L. M.

O JESUS, Lamb of God, who art
The Life and Comfort of my heart,
I, wretched sinner, come to Thee
And bring so many sins with me.

2 O God, my sinfulness is great,
I groan beneath a dreadful weight;
Yet, be Thou merciful, I pray,
Take guilt and punishment away.

3 Saint John, the Baptist, biddeth me
To cast my burden, Lord, on Thee,
Since Thou hast left Thy heavenly throne,
That for our sins Thou mightst atone.

4 Help me amend my ways, O Lord,
And willingly obey Thy Word;
Do always, then, abide with me,
And when I die take me to Thee.

199 L. M.

O THOU that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their memory from Thy book.

2 Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

3 I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banished from Thy sight;
Thy holy joys, my God, restore,
And guard me that I fall no more.

4 Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford;
And let me now come near Thy throne,
To plead the merits of Thy Son.

5 A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
Look down, O Lord with pitying eye
And save the soul condemned to die.

6 O may Thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness.

200 Iambic. 8,7.

OUT of the depths I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear my lamentation;
Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
And grant my supplication;
For if Thou fix Thy searching eye
On all sin and iniquity,
Who, Lord, can stand before Thee?

2 But love and grace with Thee prevail,
O God, our sins forgiving;
The best and holiest deeds must fail
Of all before Thee living;
Before Thee none can boasting stand,
But all must fear Thy strict demand,
And live alone by mercy.

3 My hope I rest then on the Lord,
And build not on my merit;
My heart shall trust His gracious Word,
His goodness stays my spirit.
His precious word assureth me,
He will my Joy and Comfort be;
This is my firm reliance.

4 And though it tarry till the night
And till the morn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might,
It doubteth not, nor feareth.
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed,
Wait for your God's appearing.

5 Though great our sins and sore our woes,
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our utmost need it soundeth,
Our Shepherd is the Lord, and He
At last shall set his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

201 L. M.

RETURN, O wanderer, return,
And seek an injured Father's face,
Those warm desires that in thee burn
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2 Return, O wanderer, return,
And seek a Father's melting heart;
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,
His hand shall heal thine inward smart.

3 Return, O wanderer, return,
Thy Saviour bids thy spirit live;
Go to His bleeding feet, and learn
How freely Jesus can forgive.

4 Return, O wanderer, return,
And wipe away the falling tear;
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn,"
'Tis mercy's voice invites thee near.

202 7s.

SINNERS, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Maker, asks you—Why?
God, who did your being give,
Made you with Himself to live.

2 He the fatal cause demands,
Asks the work of His own hands,—
Why, ye thankless creatures, why
Will ye cross His love and die?

3 Sinners, turn; why will ye die?
God, your Saviour, asks you—Why?
He, who did your souls retrieve,
Died Himself that you might live.

4 Will ye let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?

Why, ye ransomed sinners, why
Will ye slight His grace, and die?

5 Sinners, turn; why will ye die?
God, the Spirit asks you—Why?
He who all your life-time strove,
Wooed you to embrace His love.

6 Will ye not His grace receive?
Will ye still refuse to live?
O ye long-sought sinners, why
Will ye grieve your God and die?

203 L. M. 61

THE abyss of many a former sin
Encloses me, and bars me in:
Like billows my transgressions roll;—
Be Thou the Pilot of my soul;
And to salvation's harbor bring,
Thou Saviour and Thou glorious King!

2 My Father's heritage abused,
Wasted by lust, by sin misused;
To shame and want and misery brought,
The slave to many a fruitless thought:—
I cry to Thee, who lovest men,
O pity and receive again!

3 In hunger now, no more possessed
Of that my portion bright and blest,
The exile and the alien see,
Who yet would fain return to Thee!
And save me, Lord, who seeks to raise
To Thy dear love the hymn of praise!

4 With that saved thief my prayer I make,
Remember for Thy mercy's sake!
With that poor publican I cry,
Be merciful, O God most high!

With that lost prodigal I fain
Back to my home would turn again!

5 Mourn, mourn, my soul, with earnest care,
And raise to Christ the contrite prayer:—
O Thou who freely wast made poor,
My sorrows and my sins to cure,
Me, poor of all good works, embrace,
Enriching with Thy boundless grace!

XVI. FAITH AND JUSTIFICATION.

204 C. M.

ALL that I was, my sin, my guilt,
My death, was all my own;
All that I am, I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.

2 The evil of my former state
Was mine, and only mine;
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.

3 The darkness of my former state,
The bondage, all was mine;
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty, is Thine.

4 Thy grace first made me feel my sin,
It taught me to believe;
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now I live, I live!

5 All that I am, even here on earth,
All that I hope to be
When Jesus comes and glory dawns,
I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

205 C. M.

APPROACH, my soul, the mercy seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before His feet,
For none can perish there.

2 Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,—
And such, O Lord, am I.

3 Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without and fears within,
I come to Thee for rest.

4 Be Thou my Shield and Hiding-place,
That, sheltered near Thy side,
I may my fierce Accuser face
And tell Him, Thou hast died.

5 O wondrous Love, to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame,
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead Thy gracious name!

206 H. M.

ARISE, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears,
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

2 He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for all our race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears,
  Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
  They strongly speak for me;
Forgive him, O forgive, they cry,
Nor let that ransomed sinner die!

4 The Father hears Him pray,
  His dear Anointed One:
He cannot turn away,
  Cannot refuse His Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

5 My God is reconciled,
  His pardoning voice I hear:
He owns me for His child,
  I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba Father!" cry.

207 L. M.

BLEST is the man, forever blest,
  Whose guilt is pardoned by his God,
Whose sins with sorrow are confessed,
  And covered with his Saviour's blood.

2 Blest is the man to whom the Lord
  Imputes not his iniquities,
He pleads no merit of reward,
  And not on works, but grace relies.

3 From guile his heart and lips are free,
  His humble joy, his holy fear,
With deep repentance well agree,
  And join to prove his faith sincere.

4 How glorious is that righteousness
  That hides and cancels all his sins!

While a bright evidence of grace
Through his whole life appears and shines.

208 9,8,8.

BY grace I'm saved—grace free and boundless!
My heart, believ'st thou this or not?
Why tremblest thou with terror groundless?
Has Scripture e'er a falsehood taught?
Then this word also true must be:
By grace there is a crown for thee.

2 By grace! our works are all rejected,
All claims of merit pass for naught;
The mighty Saviour, long expected,
To us this blissful truth has brought,
That He by death redeems our race,
And we are saved alone by grace.

3 By grace! mark well these words' true meaning,
When thou dost sorrow sin-oppressed,
When Satan threats with pride o'erweening,
When troubled conscience sighs for rest;
What reason cannot comprehend
It pleases God by grace to send.

4 By grace His Son, on earth appearing,
Vouchsafed beneath thy woe to bend;
Hadst thou, damnation justly fearing,
Done aught to render Him thy friend?
Was't not that He thy welfare sought,
And but by grace deliverance wrought?

5 By grace! this ground of our salvation,
As long as God is true, endures:
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What God by His own Word assures,
What all our faith must rest upon,
Is grace, free grace, through His dear Son.

6 By grace! but think not, thou who livest
  Securely on in godless ways,
That thou,—though all are called,—receivest
  The promised rest that wakes our praise;
By grace none find in heaven a place
Who live in sin in hope of grace.

7 By grace! they who have heard this sentence
  Must bid hypocrisy farewell;
For only after deep repentance
  The soul what grace imports can tell,
To sin while grace a trifle seems,
To faith it bright with glory beams.

8 By grace the timid hearts that languish,
  Find access to the Father's heart,
When conflicts fierce and bitter anguish
  Bid all their joy and hopes depart.
Where, ofttimes, should I strength obtain,
Did grace my anchor not remain!

9 By grace! on this in death I'll rest me,
  Rejoicing e'en though feeling naught;
I know my sin—it oft oppressed me—
  But Him, too, who salvation brought·
My heart exults—grief flees apace—
Because my soul is saved by grace.

10 By grace! may sin and Satan hearken!
  I bear my flag of faith in hand,
And pass—for doubts my joy can't darken—
  The Red Sea to the Promised Land.
I cling to what my Saviour taught,
And trust it, whether felt or not.

209 Iambic. 8,7.

DEAR Christians, one and all rejoice,
  With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice
  And holy rapture singing,

Tell how our God beheld our need,
And sing His sweet and wondrous deed;
  Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
  Death brooded darkly o'er me,
My sin oppressed me night and day,
  Therein my mother bore me;
Deeper and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
  So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My good works could avail me naught,
  For they with sin were stainèd;
Free-will against God's judgment fought,
  And dead to good remainèd;
Grief drove me to despair, and I
Had nothing left me but to die,
  To hell I fast was sinking.

4 Then God beheld my wretched state
  With deep commiseration;
He thought upon His mercy great,
  And willed my soul's salvation;
He turned to me a Father's heart—
Not small the cost!—to heal my smart,
  He gave His best and dearest.

5 He spake to His belovèd Son:
  'Tis time to take compassion;
Then go, my heart's most precious Crown,
  And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him, that he
  May live with Thee forever.

6 The Son His Father did obey,
  And, born of virgin-mother,

He came awhile on earth to stay,
  That He might be my brother.
His mighty power He hidden bore,
A servant's form like mine, He wore,
  To lead the Devil captive.

7 He spake to me: "Hold fast by me,
  I am thy Rock and Castle;
I wholly give myself for thee,
  For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am thine, and thou art mine,
Henceforth my place is also thine;
  The Foe shall never part us.

8 The Foe shall shed my precious blood,
  Me of my life bereaving;
All this I suffer for thy good;
  Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the victory win,
Mine innocence shall bear thy sin,
  So art thou blest forever.

9 Now to my Father I depart,
  From earth to heaven ascending,
Thence heavenly wisdom to impart,
  The Holy Spirit sending;
He shall in trouble comfort thee,
Teach thee to know and follow me,
  And into truth shall guide thee.

10 What I have done and taught, do thou
  To do and teach endeavor;
So shall my kingdom flourish now,
  And God be praised forever;
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heavenly treasure should destroy;
  This counsel I bequeath thee."

210 S. M.

GRACE! 'tis a charming sound!
Harmonious to the ear!
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

2 Grace first contrived the way
To save rebellious man;
And all the steps that grace display
Which drew the wondrous plan.

3 Grace first inscribed my name
In God's eternal book;
'Twas grace that gave me to the Lamb,
Who all my sorrows took.

4 Grace led my roving feet
To tread the heavenly road;
And new supplies each hour I meet,
While pressing on to God.

5 Grace taught my soul to pray,
And made my eyes o'erflow;
'Twas grace that kept me to this day,
And will not let me go.

6 Grace all the work shall crown,
Through everlasting days;
It lays in heaven the topmost stone,
And well deserves the praise.

211 C. M.

I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast!"
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live!"
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright!"
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk,
Till traveling days are done.

212 7,6.

I LAY my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursèd load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious,
Till not a spot remains.

2 I lay my wants on Jesus;
All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine,
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured.

4 I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng,
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song.

213 L. M.

JESUS, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 When from the dust of death I rise,
To claim my mansion in the skies—
E'en then this shall be all my plea,
"Jesus hath lived and died for me."

3 Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully through these absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

4 This spotless robe the same appears,
When ruined nature sinks in years;
No age can change its glorious hue;
Thy blood preserves it ever new.

5 And when the dead shall hear Thy voice,
Thy banished children shall rejoice;
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness!

214 L. M.

JUST as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

5 Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

6 Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down,—
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

215 8,7.

LAMB of God we fall before Thee,
Humbly trusting in Thy cross;
That alone be all our glory,
All things else are only dross.

2 Thee we own a perfect Saviour,
Only Source of all that's good
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

3 Jesus gives us true repentance,
By His Spirit sent from heaven;
Whispers this transporting sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."

4 Faith He grants us to believe it,
Grateful hearts His love to prize:
Want we wisdom?—He must give it;
Hearing ears, and seeing eyes.

5 Jesus gives us pure affections,
Wills to do what He requires;
Makes us follow His directions,
And what He commands, inspires.

6 All our prayers, and all our praises,
Rightly offered in His name,
He that dictates them is Jesus;
He that answers is the same.

216 C. M.

LORD, we confess our numerous faults,
How great our guilt has been:
Foolish and vain were all our thoughts,
And all our lives were sin.

2 But, O my soul, for ever praise,
For ever love His name,
Who turns thy feet from dangerous ways
Of folly, sin, and shame.

3 'Tis not by works of righteousness
Which our own hands have done;
But we are saved by sovereign grace
Abounding through His Son.

4 'Tis from the mercy of our God
That all our hopes begin;
'Tis by the Water and the Blood
Our souls are washed from sin.

5 'Tis through the purchase of His death
Who hung upon the tree,
The Spirit is sent down to breathe
On such dry bones as we.

6 Raised from the dead, we live anew;
And justified by grace,
We shall appear in glory too,
And see our Father's face.

217 9,8,9,8,8,8.

NOW I have found the sure foundation,
Where evermore my anchor grounds!
It lay there ere the world's creation,
Where else, but in my Saviour's wounds?
Foundation, which unmoved shall stay,
When earth and heaven pass away.

2 It is that mercy never ending,
Which all conception far transcends,
Of Him, who, with love's arms extending,
To wretched sinners condescends;
Whose heart with pity still doth break,
Whether we seek Him, or forsake.

3 Our ruin God has not intended,
  Salvation He would fain bestow;
For this the Son to earth descended,
  And then to heaven again did go;
For this so loudly evermore
He knocketh at our heart's closed door.

4 O depth of love, in which, past finding,
  My sins through Christ's blood disappear;
This is for wounds the safest binding,
  There is no condemnation here;
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies
Forever Mercy! Mercy! cries.

5 I never will forget this crying,
  In faith I'll trust it all my days,
And, when o'er all my sins I'm sighing,
  I towards my Father's heart will gaze;
For there is always to be found
Free mercy without end and bound.

6 Though I be robbed of every pleasure
  That soul and body can make glad,
Bereft of every earthly treasure,
  Forlorn, forsaken, lone and sad:
However far His help may be,
His mercy yet is left to me.

7 If earthly cares and want oppress me,
  And cause me sorrow and regret
That things so vain can still distress me,
  And give me so much trouble yet:
Though I am bowed down to the dust,
Still in His mercy I will trust.

8 If in the best of all my actions,
  In works that are admired the most,
I must perceive great imperfections,
  I surely have no right to boast;

Yet this sweet comfort doth abide:
In mercy only I confide.

9 Be it with me as He is willing,
Whose mercy is a boundless sea;
May He Himself my heart be stilling,
That this may ne'er forgotten be;
Then it will rest, in joy and woe,
On mercy, while it beats below.

10 On this foundation I unshrinking
Will stand, while I on earth remain;
This shall engage my acting, thinking,
While I the breath of life retain;
Then I will sing eternally,
Unfathomed Mercy, still of Thee.

218 8,7,7.

O HOW great is Thy compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That upon our wretchedness,
That upon man's depravation
Thou took'st pity, so that we
Might be saved eternally!

2 Thy great love for this hath striven
That man from all pain shall free
And forever blessed be.
Yea, Thy Son Himself hath given,
And extends an earnest call
To His Supper unto all.

3 And for this our soul's salvation
Voucheth Thy good Spirit, Lord,
In Thy Sacraments and Word,
He doth prosper Thy vocation,
Granteth us the gift of faith,
That we fear nor hell nor death.

4 Lord, Thy mercy will not leave me—
Truth doth evermore abide—
Then in Thee I will confide;
Since Thy Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Well assured eternally.

5 I will praise Thy great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That upon my wretchedness,
That upon my depravation
Thou took'st pity graciously;
Evermore be praise to Thee!

219 L. M.

OUR God so loved the world that He
Gave His own Son, and did decree
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Corner-stone.

3 God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessèd goal may reach.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy baptism grants the highest good.

5 If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer;
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death,
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

220 7s.

ROCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and Thou alone!

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die!

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!

221 7,6.

THROUGH Jesus' bloody merit
I am at peace with God;
What, then, may daunt my spirit,
However dark my road?

My courage shall not fail me,
For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me,
Its rage I may deride.

2 There's nothing that can sever
Me from the love of God;
No want, no pain whatever,
No famine, peril, blood.
Though thousand foes surround me,
And in their base design
A sheep for slaughter count me,
The victory still is mine.

3 Through Him that loved me dearly
From all eternity,
I can rejoice sincerely
In all this misery;
For this is my persuasion,
I cling to this firm faith,
Of which on no occasion
Shall rob me hell, nor death:

4 That neither life's temptation,
Nor death's terrific hour,
Nor angels of high station,
For any other power,
Nor things that now are present,
Nor things that are to come,
Nor height, however pleasant,
Nor depth of deepest gloom;

5 Nor any creature ever
Shall from the love of God
Me, the poor sinner, sever;
For in my Saviour's blood
This love its fountain taketh;
He hears my faithful prayer,
And nevermore forsaketh
Me, his dear child and heir.

XVII. THE REDEEMER.

222 C. M.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Let high-born seraphs tune the lyre,
And, as they tune it, fall
Before His face who tunes their choir,
And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Crown Him, ye morning stars of light!
Who fixt this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all!

5 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him, who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

6 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine:
And crown Him Lord of all!

7 Sinners! whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all!

8 Let every tribe and every tongue
That bound creation's call,
Now shout in universal song,
The crownèd Lord of all!

223 7s.

CHIEF of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died, that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die;
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

2 O the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity;
Love that found me,—wondrous thought!—
Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Jesus only can impart
Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God,
In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own;
Safe with Him from earthly strife,
He sustains the hidden life.

5 O my Saviour, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply,
While I live, and when I die.

224 7s.

CHRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night!
Day-spring, from on high, be near!
Day-star, in my heart appear!

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Cheer my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief!
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

225 C. M.

HOW sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds.
And drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! the Rock on which I build,
My Shield and Hiding-place;
My never-failing Treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4 By Thee my prayers acceptance gain,
Although with sin defiled:
Satan accuses me in vain,
And I am owned a child.

5 Jesus! my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

6 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought:
But, when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

7 Till then, I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

226 11,4,4,11,6,6,6,7,8.

I LEAVE Thee not! Thou art my Jesus ever,
Though earth rebel,
And death and hell
Would, from its steadfast hold, my faith dissever
Ah, no! I ever will
Cling to my Helper still.
Hear what my love is taught:
Thou art my Jesus ever,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

2 I leave Thee not, O Love! of love the highest,
Though doubt display
Its battle-day;
I own the power which Thou, my Lord, appliest.
Thou didst bear guilt aud woe;
Shall I to torment go,
When into judgment brought?
O Love! of love the highest,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

3 I leave Thee not, O Thou who sweetly cheerest!
Whose fresh supplies
Cause strength to rise,
Just in the hour when faith's decay is nearest.
If sickness chill the soul,
And nights of languor roll,
My heart one hope hath caught;
O Thou who sweetly cheerest,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

4 I leave Thee not, Thou Help in tribulation!
Heap ill on ill,
I trust Thee still,
I hope when all seems near to desolation,
Do what Thou wilt with me,
I yet will cling to Thee;
Thy grace I have besought;
Thou Help in tribulation,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

5 I leave Thee not: shall I forsake salvation?
No, Jesus, no!
Thou shalt not go;
Mine still Thou art, to free from condemnation.
After this fleeting night,
Thy presence brings me light,
Whose ray my soul hath sought;
Shall I forsake salvation?
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

6 I leave Thee not; Thy Word my way shall brighten:
With Thee I go
Through weal and woe,
Thy precept wise shall every burden lighten.
My Lord, on Thee I hang,
Nor heed the journey's pang,
Though thorny be my lot;

Let but Thy Word enlighten,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

7 I leave Thee not, e'en in the lap of pleasure;
For when I stray
Without Thy ray,
My richest joy must cease to be a treasure.
I shudder at the glee,
When no delight from Thee
Has heartfelt peace begot;
E'en in the lap of pleasure,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

8 I leave Thee not! I fear no condemnation,
For how could share
Thy child and heir
The lot of those who spurn their soul's salvation?
Thy blood, Lord, cleanseth me,
And therefore I am free
From hell, the sinner's lot.
I fear no condemnation;
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

9 I leave Thee not, my God, my Lord, my Heaven!
Nor death shall rend
From Thee, my Friend,
Who for my sake Thyself to death hast given.
Thou diedst for love to me,
And love goes back to Thee;
My heart has but one thought:
My God, my Lord, my Heaven,
I leave Thee not, I leave Thee not!

227 S. M.

I WAS a wandering sheep,
I did not love the fold;
I did not love my Shepherd's voice,
I would not be controlled.

I was a wayward child,
  I did not love my home;
I did not love my Father's voice,
  I loved afar to roam.

2 The Shepherd sought His sheep,
  The Father sought His child;
They followed me o'er vale and hill,
  O'er deserts waste and wild;
They found me nigh to death,
  Famished, and faint, and lone;
They bound me with the hands of love,
  They saved the wandering one.

3 Jesus my Shepherd is,
  'Twas He that loved my soul,
'Twas He that washed me in His blood,
  'Twas He that made me whole.
'Twas He that sought the lost,
  That found the wandering sheep;
'Twas He that brought me to the fold,
  'Tis He that still doth keep.

4 I was a wandering sheep,
  I would not be controlled;
But now I love my Shepherd's voice,
  I love, I love the fold!
I was a wayward child,
  I once preferred to roam,
But now I love my Father's voice,
  I love, I love His home.

228 L. M.

JESUS! and shall it ever be,
  A mortal man ashamed of Thee?
Ashamed of Thee, whom angels praise,
Whose glories shine through endless days?

2 Ashamed of Jesus! sooner far
Let evening blush to own a star;
He sheds the beams of light divine
O'er this benighted soul of mine.

3 Ashamed of Jesus! just as soon
Let midnight be ashamed of noon:
'Tis midnight with my soul, till He,
Bright Morning-star, bids darkness flee.

4 Ashamed of Jesus! that dear Friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush—be this my shame,—
That I no more revere His name.

5 Ashamed of Jesus! yes, I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tear to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell, no soul to save.

6 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
Till then I boast a Saviour slain!
And, O may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me!

229 7s.

JESUS, Saviour, come to me!
Let me ever be with Thee;
Come, and nevermore depart,
Thou who reignest in my heart.

2 Lord, for Thee I ever sigh,
Nothing else can satisfy,
'Tis my constant cry to Thee:
Jesus, Jesus, come to me!

3 Earthly joys can give no peace
Cannot bid my longing cease;
But to have my Jesus near,
This is all my pleasure here.

4 All that makes the angels glad,
In their garb of glory clad,
Only fills me with distress,
If Thy presence do not bless.

5 Take Thou all away from me,
I shall still thus minded be;
Thou who madest me Thine own
Shalt be e'er my joy alone.

6 Lord, to none on earth, beside
Thee, my heart I open wide;
Enter Thou, possess it all,
Thee alone mine own I call.

7 Thou alone, my God and Lord,
Art my Glory and Reward;
Thou hast bled for me and died,
I will be no other's bride.

8 Come then, Lamb for sinners slain,
Come and ease me of my pain;
Evermore I cry to Thee:
Jesus, Jesus, come to me!

9 Patiently I wait Thy day;
For this gift yet, Lord, I pray,
That, when death shall come to me,
My sweet Jesus Thou wilt be.

230 8,7,7.

JESUS, Jesus, Jesus only
Can my heart-felt longing still;
Without Him my soul is lonely,
And I wish, what Jesus will.
For my heart, which He hath filled,
Ever cries: Lord, as Thou wilt.

2 One it is for whom I'm living,
  Whom I'm loving faithfully;
Jesus, unto whom I'm giving
  What in love He gave to me.
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt;
Lord, O lead me as Thou wilt.

3 Seems a thing to me a treasure,
  Which displeasing is to Thee,
Then remove such dangerous pleasure;
  Give instead what profits me.
Let my heart by Thee be stilled,
Make me Thine, Lord, as Thou wilt.

4 Grant that always I endeavor
  Thy good pleasure to fulfill,
In me, through me, with me ever,
  Lord, accomplish Thou Thy will.
Let me die, Lord, on Thee built,
When, and where, and as Thou wilt.

5 Lord, my praise shall be unceasing,
  For Thou gav'st Thyself to me,
And besides so many a blessing,
  That I sing now joyfully:
Be it unto me, my Shield,
As Thou wilt, Lord, as Thou wilt.

231 7s.

JESUS, Lover of my soul,
  Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the waters nearer roll,
  While the tempest still is high!
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
  Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
  O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
  Hangs my helpless soul on Thee:
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
  Still support and comfort me!
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
  All my help from Thee I bring:
Cover my defenceless head
  With the shadow of Thy wing.

3 Wilt Thou not regard my call?
  Wilt thou not accept my prayer?
Lo! I sink, I faint, I fall;
  Lo! on Thee I cast my care.
Reach me out Thy gracious hand!
  While I of Thy strength receive,
Hoping against hope I stand,
  Dying, and behold, I live!

4 Thou O Christ, art all I want;
  More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
  Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name;
  I am all unrighteousness:
False and full of sin I am;
  Thou art full of truth and grace.

5 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
  Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
  Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
  Freely let me take of Thee:
Spring Thou up within my heart,
  Rise to all eternity.

232 6,6,5,6,6,5,7,8,6.

JESUS, priceless Treasure,
Source of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me!
Long my heart hath panted,
'Till it well-nigh fainted,
Thirsting after Thee!
Thine I am O spotless Lamb!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee,
Ask for naught beside Thee.

2 In Thine arm I rest me,
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here;
Though the earth be shaking,
Every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear;
Sin and hell, in conflict fell,
With their heaviest storms assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I need not fly thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease!
Rage, O world, thy noises
Cannot drown our voices
Singing still of peace,
For God's power guards every hour.
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

4 Wealth, I will not heed thee,
Wherefore should I need thee?
Jesus is my Joy!
Honors, ye may glisten,
But I will not listen,
Ye the soul destroy!

Want or loss or shame or cross
Ne'er to leave my Lord shall move me,
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Farewell, thou who choosest
Earth and heaven refusest,
Thou wilt tempt in vain ;
Farewell, sins, nor blind me,
Get ye far behind me,
Come not forth again;
Past your hour, O pomp and power;
Godless life, thy bonds I sever,
Farewell now forever !

6 Hence, all fears and sadness !
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within ;
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless Treasure !

233 C. M.

JESUS! the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast ;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind !

3 O Hope of every contrite heart,
O Joy of all the meek !
To those who fall, how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek !

4 But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show:
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

5 Jesus, our only Joy be Thou!
As Thou our Prize wilt be;
Jesus, be Thou our Glory now,
And through eternity!

234 L. M. 61.

JESUS, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there.
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.

2 O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole,
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown:
Strange flames far from my heart remove;
My every act, word, thought, be love!

3 O Love, how cheering is Thy ray!
All pain before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away,
Where'er Thy healing beams arise:
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
Nothing desire or seek but Thee!

4 Unwearied, may I this pursue,
Dauntless to the high prize aspire;
Hourly within my soul renew
This holy flame, this heavenly fire;
And day and night be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there!

5 O draw me, Saviour, after Thee!
  So shall I run and never tire.
With gracious words still comfort me;
  Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.
Free me from every weight: nor fear
Nor sin can come, if Thou art here.

6 From all eternity, with love
  Unchangeable Thou hast me viewed,
Ere knew this beating heart to move,
  Thy tender mercies me pursued.
Ever with me may they abide,
And close me in on every side.

7 Still let Thy love point out my way;
  How wondrous things Thy love hath wrought.
Still lead me, lest I go astray;
  Direct my work, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear
  Thy voice, and know that love is near.

8 In suffering be Thy love my peace,
  In weakness be Thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
  Jesus, in that important hour,
In death as life be Thou my Guide,
And save me, who for me hast died!

235 7,8,7.

MY dear Jesus I'll not leave,
  Who for me Himself has given;
Therefore, unto Him I'll cleave,
  Nor from Him be ever driven,
Life from Him doth light receive;
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

2 Jesus I will never leave,
  While on earth I am abiding;

My full trust He shall receive;
  What I have, without dividing,
All to Him I freely give;
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

3 Though my eyesight pass away,
  Hearing, taste and feeling fail me;
Through the earth's last light of day
  Shall o'ertake and sore assail me;
E'en when my last sigh I heave
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

4 Nor will I my Jesus leave
  When at length I shall come thither
Where His saints He will receive,
That in bliss they live together;
Endless joy to me He'll give;—
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

5 Not for earth's vain joys I crave,
  Not for heaven's glorious pleasure;
Jesus who my soul did save
  Shall be my Desire and Treasure:
He redemption did achieve;—
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

6 Jesus I shall never leave,
  To His side still firmly clinging.
Christ leads all who Him receive
  To life's waters ever springing.
Blessed they who to Him cleave!—
My dear Jesus I'll not leave.

236 C. M.

O FOR a thousand tongues to sing
  My great Redeemer's praise!
The glories of my God and King,
  The triumphs of His grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,
  Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
  The honors of Thy name.

3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
  That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
  'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4 He breaks the power of canceled sin,
  He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
  His blood avails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
  Your God, ye fallen race;
Look, and be saved through faith alone,
  Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
  The Lamb of God was slain:
His soul was once an offering made
  For every soul of man.

7 Glory to God, and praise, and love,
  Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
  The Church in earth and heaven.

237 8s.

O FRIEND of souls, how blest am I
  Whene'er Thy love my spirit calms!
From sorrow's dungeon forth I fly,
  And hide me in Thy shelt'ring arms.
The night of weeping flies away
Before the heart-reviving ray
  Of love, that beams from out Thy breast;
Here is my heaven on earth begun;
Who is not joyful, that has won
  In Thee, O Lord, his joy and rest.

2 The world may call herself my foe,
  So be it; for I trust her not,
E'en though a friendly face she show,
  And heap with her good things my lot.
In Thee alone will I rejoice,
Thou art the Friend, Lord, of my choice,
  For Thou art true when friendships fail;
'Mid storms of woe Thy truth is still
My anchor; hate me as she will:
  The world shall o'er me ne'er prevail.

3 The Law may threaten endless death
  From awful Sinai's burning hill,
Straightway from its consuming breath
  My soul through faith mounts higher still;
She throws herself at Jesus' feet
And finds with Him a safe retreat
  Where curse and death can never come.
Though all things threaten condemnation,
Yet Jesus, Thou art my Salvation,
  For in Thy love I find my home.

4 Through deserts of the cross Thou leadest,
  I follow leaning on Thy hand;
From out the clouds Thy child Thou feedest,
  And giv'st him water from the sand.
I know Thy wonderous ways will end
In love and blessing, Thou true Friend,
  Enough, if Thou art ever near.
I know whom thou wilt glorify,
And raise o'er sun and stars on high,
  Thou lead'st through depths and darkness here.

5 To others death seems dark and grim,
  But not, Thou Life of life, to me,
I know Thou ne'er forsakest him
  Whose heart and spirit rest in Thee.

Oh! who would fear his journey's close,
If from dark woods and lurking foes,
He then find safety and release?
Nay, rather, with a joyful heart
From this dark region I depart
To Thy eternal light and peace.

6 O Friend of souls, then blest indeed
Am I when on Thy love I lean!
The world, nor pain, nor death I heed,
Since Thou, my God, my Joy hast been.
O let this peace that Thou hast given,
Be but a foretaste of Thy heaven,
For goodness infinite is Thine.
Hence, world with all Thy flattering toys!
In God alone lie all my joys;
O rich delight, my Friend is mine!

238 C.M.

O Jesus! King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned:
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!

2 When once Thou visitest the heart,
The truth begins to shine;
Then earthly vanities depart
Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, Light of all below!
Thou Fount of life and fire!
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire,—

4 May every heart confess Thy name,
And ever Thee adore;
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more.

5 Thee may our tongues forever bless;
Thee may we love alone;
And ever in our lives express
The image of Thine own.

239 8,8,7,8.

O MORNING STAR, how fair and bright
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Sweet Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My King and Bridegroom, Thou hast won
My heart to love Thee solely!
Lovely art Thou, fair and glorious,
All victorious, Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

2 O King high-born, Pearl dearly won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son,
Crown of exceeding glory!
My heart calls Thee a Lily, Lord,
Pure milk and honey is Thy Word,
Thy sweetest Gospel-story.
Rose of Sharon, hail! hosanna!
Heavenly Manna, Feed us ever;
Lord; I can forget Thee never!

3 Clear Jasper, Ruby fervent red,
Deep, deep into my heart now shed
Thy love's pure fire forever;
Fill me with joy, grant me to be
Thy member closely joined to Thee,
Whom naught from Thee may sever;
Toward Thee longing doth possess me:
Come and bless me, For Thy gladness
Eye and heart here pine in sadness.

4 But if Thou look on me in love,
There straightway falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure;
Thy Word and Spirit, flesh and blood,

Refresh myself with heavenly food,
  Thou art my hidden Treasure.
Let Thy grace, Lord, warm and cheer me.
O draw near me; Thou hast taught us
Thee to seek, since Thou hast sought us.

5 Lord God, my Father, mighty Shield,
Thou in Thy Son art all revealed
  As Thou hast loved and known me:
Thy Son hath me with Him betrothed,
In His own whitest raiment clothed,
  He for His bride will own me.
Hallelujah! Life in heaven
Hath He given, With Him dwelling,
Still shall I His praise be telling.

6 Then touch the chords of harp and lute,
Let no sweet music now be mute,
  But joyously resounding,
Tell of the marriage-feast, the bride,
The heavenly Bridegroom at her side,
  'Mid love and joy abounding;
Shout for triumph, loudly sing ye,
Praises bring ye, Fall before Him,
King of kings, let all adore Him!

7 Here rests my heart, and holds it fast;
The Lord I love is First and Last,
  The End and the Beginning!
I welcome death, for I shall rise
Through Him to His own Paradise
  Above all tears and sinning,
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus,
Soon release us! With deep yearning
Lord, we look for Thy returning!

240 8,7,12,11.

ONE thing's needful! then Lord Jesus,
Keep this one thing in my mind;
All beside, though first it please us,
Soon a grievous yoke we find;
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite,
And teach me in all things to find true delight.

2 Soul, wilt thou this one thing find thee?
Seek not 'midst created things;
What is earthly, leave behind thee,
Over nature stretch thy wings.
For where God and Man both in One are united,
With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted,
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All, and my Joy and my Rest.

3 How were Mary's thoughts devoted
Her eternal joy to find.
As intent each word she noted,
At her Saviour's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.

4 Thus my longings, heavenward tending,
Jesus, rest alone on Thee;
Help me, thus on Thee depending,
Saviour, come and dwell in me!
Although all the world should forsake and forget Thee,
In love I will follow Thee, ne'er will I quit Thee;
Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word;
And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?

5 Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
  Jesus, lies concealed in Thee;
Grant that this may still the measure
  Of my will and actions be.
Humility there, and simplicity, reigning,
My steps shall in wisdom forever be training.
Oh! if I of Christ have this knowledge divine,
The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine.

6 Christ, Thou art the sole oblation
  That I'll bring before my God;
In His sight I've acceptation
  Only Through Thy streaming blood.
Immaculate righteousness I have acquirèd,
Since Thou on the tree of the cross hast expirèd;
The robe of salvation for ever is mine,
In this shall my faith through eternity shine.

7 Let my soul, in full exemption,
  Wake up in Thy likeness now;
Thou art made to me redemption,
  My sanctification Thou.
Whatever I need for my journey to heaven,
In Thee, O my Saviour, is unto me given;
O let me all perishing pleasure forego,
And Thy life, O Jesus, alone let me know.

8 Where should else my hopes be centered?
  Grace o'erwhelms me with its flood;
Thou, my Saviour, once hast entered
  Holiest heaven through Thy blood.
Eternal redemption for sinners there finding,
From hell's dark dominion my spirit unbinding,
To me perfect freedom Thy entrance has brought,
And childlike to cry "Abba, Father," I'm taught.

9 Christ Himself, my Shepherd, feeds me,
  Peace and joy my spirit fill;

In a pasture green. He leads me
Forth beside the waters still.
Oh! naught to my soul is so sweet and reviving,
As thus unto Jesus alone to be living;
True happiness this, and this only, supplies,
Through faith on my Saviour to fasten mine eyes.

10 Therefore, Jesus, my Salvation,
Thou my One, my All, shalt be
Prove my fixed determination,
Root out all hypocrisy;
Look well if on sin's slippery paths I am hasting,
And lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting!
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

241 L. M. 61.

THE Lord my pasture shall prepare,
And feed me with a shepherd's care;
His presence shall my wants supply,
And guard me with a watchful eye,
My noonday walks he shall attend,
And all my midnight hours defend.

2 While on the sultry glebe I faint,
Or on the thirsty mountain pant,
To fertile vales and dewy meads
My every wandering steps He leads,
Where peaceful rivers soft and slow,
Amid the verdant landscape flow.

3 Though in a bare and rugged way,
Through devious lonely wilds I stray,
Thy bounty shall my pains beguile,
The barren wilderness shall smile,
With sudden green and herbage crowned,
And streams shall murmur all around.

4 Though in the paths of death I tread,
With gloomy horrors overspread,
My steadfast heart shall fear no ill,
For Thou, O Lord, art with me still;
Thy friendly crook shall give me aid,
And guide me through the dreadful shade

242 C. M.

THOU art the Way: to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee:
And he who would the Father seek,
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2 Thou art the Truth: Thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart:
Thou only canst inform the mind,
And purify the heart.

3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm:
And those who put their trust in Thee,
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

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243 8,8,7

ALL depends on our possessing
God's free love and grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart;
He who God for his hath taken,
'Mid the changing world unshaken
Keeps a free, heroic heart.

2 He who hitherto hath fed me,
And to many a joy hath led me,
Is and shall be ever mine;
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will not leave me now to pine.

3 Shall I weary me with fretting
O'er vain trifles, and regretting
Things that never can remain?
I will strive but that to win me
Which can shed true rest within me,—
Rest the world must seek in vain.

4 When my heart with longing sickens,
Hope again my courage quickens,
For my wish shall be fulfilled,
If it please His will most tender,
Soul and body I surrender
Unto Him on whom I build.

5 Well He knows how best to grant me
All the longing hopes that haunt me;
All things have their proper day;
I would dictate to Him never,
As God wills, so be it ever,
When He wills I will obey.

6 If on earth He bids me linger,
He will guide me with His finger
Through the years that now look dim;
All that earth has fleets and changes,
As a river onward ranges,
But I rest in peace on Him.

244 C.M.

AM I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause
Or blush to speak His name?

2 Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

3 Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

4 Sure I must fight, if I would reign:
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.

5 Thy saints, in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar
With faith's discerning eye.

6 When that illustrious day shall rise
And all Thine armies shine
In robes of victory through the skies,
The glory shall be Thine.

245 S. M.

BLEST be Thy love, dear Lord,
That taught us this sweet way,
Only to love Thee for Thyself,
And for that love obey.

2 O Thou, our soul's chief Hope!
We to Thy mercy fly;
Where'er we are, Thou canst protect,
What'er we need, supply.

3 Whether we sleep or wake,
To Thee we both resign;
The darkest night is as the day
If Thy light on us shine.

4 Whether we live or die,
Both we submit to Thee;
In death we live as well as life,
If Thine in death we be.

246 8,7,8.

COME, follow me, the Saviour spake,
All in my way abiding:
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey my call and guiding;
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take my example for your guide.

2 I am the Light, I light the way,
A virtuous life displaying;
Who comes to me and follows, aye,
I lead from his dark straying.
I am the Way, and well I show
How men should sojourn here below.

3 My heart in lowliness abounds,
My soul with love is glowing,
And from my mouth are words and sounds
Of meekness over flowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all
To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 I teach you to avoid and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart to purify and free
From sin's abomination.
Your Rock and Fortress e'er am I,
And lead you to the life on high.

5 But if too hot you find the fray,
I, at your side, stand ready;

I fight myself, I lead the way,
At all times firm and steady.
A coward he who will not heed
When the chief Captain takes the lead.

6 Who seeks to find his soul's welfare
Without me, he shall lose it;
But who to lose it may appear,
In God shall introduce it.
Who bears no cross, nor follows hard
Deserves not me, nor my reward.

7 Then let us follow our dear Lord,
Bearing the cross appointed,
And bravely cleaving to His Word,
In suffering be undaunted.
Who has not stood the battle's strain
The crown of life shall ne'er obtain.

247 7,8,8.

GOD, from all eternity
In Thy Son Thou didst elect me;
Therefore, Father, graciously
In my course to heaven direct me;
Send to me Thy Holy Spirit,
That His gifts I may inherit.

2 Though alive, I'm dead in sin,
To all good things lost by nature;
Holy Ghost, change me within,
Make of me a new-born creature;
For the flesh deserves damnation,
And can never gain salvation.

3 Drive away the gloomy night
Of erroneous reflection;
Quench all thoughts that are not right,
Hold my reason in subjection.
Grant that I from Thee with yearning
Wisdom may be always learning.

4 All desires and thoughts of mine,
From my youth, are only evil;
Save me by Thy power divine
From myself and from the Devil;
Give me strength in ample measure,
Both to will and do Thy pleasure.

5 A clean heart create in me,
Which in Thee, O God, believeth,
And at the iniquity
Of my sins sincerely grieveth;
And when hours of woe betide me,
In the wounds of Jesus hide me.

6 As a branchlet in the vine,
In my blessèd Lord implant me;
Ever of my Head divine
To remain a member, grant me;
O let Him, my Lord and Saviour,
Be my Life and Love forever.

7 Faith, and hope, and charity,
Graciously, O Father, give me;
Be my Guardian constantly,
That no devil e'er may grieve me,
Grant me humbleness, and gladness,
Peace, and patience, in my sadness.

8 Help me speak what's right and just,
And keep silence on occasion;
Help me pray, Lord, as I must;
Help me bear my tribulation;
Help me die, and let my spirit
Everlasting life inherit.

248 L. M.

GOD of my life, whose gracious power
Through various deaths my soul hath led;
Or turned aside the fatal hour,
Or lifted up my sinking head:

2 In all my ways Thy hand I own,
Thy ruling Providence I see:
O help me still my course to run,
And still direct my path to Thee.

3 Whither, O whither should I fly,
But to my loving Saviour's breast?
Secure within Thine arms to lie,
And safe beneath Thy wings to rest!

4 I have no skill the snare to shun,
But Thou, O Christ, my Wisdom art!
I ever into ruin run;
But Thou art greater than my heart.

5 Foolish, and impotent, and blind,
Lead me a way I have not known;
Bring me where I my heaven may find,
The heaven of loving Thee alone.

6 Enlarge my heart to make Thee room;
Enter, and in me ever stay:
The crooked then shall straight become;
The darkness shall be lost in day

249 8,7.

GUIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, : , :
Feed me till I want no more!

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams do flow,
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, : , :
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield!

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside:
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises : , :
I will ever give to Thee.

250 L.M.

HAPPY the man who feareth God,
Whose feet His holy ways have trod;
Thine own good hand shall nourish thee,
And well and happy shalt thou be.

2 Thy wife shall, like a fruitful vine,
Fill all thy house with clusters fine;
Thy children all be fresh and sound,
Like olive-plants thy table round.

3 Lo! to the man these blessings cleave
Who in God's holy fear doth live;
From him the ancient curse hath fled
By Adam's race inherited.

4 Out of Mount Zion God shall send,
And crown with joy thy latter end,
That thou Jerusalem mayst see
In favor and prosperity.

5 He shall be with thee in thy ways,
And give thee health and strength of days;
Yea, thou shalt children's children see,
And peace on Israel shall be.

6 Praise God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
As 't was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

251 8,7.

HOLY Father! Thou hast taught me
I should live to Thee alone;
Year by year Thy hand hath brought me
On through dangers oft unknown.
When I wandered, Thou hast found me;
When I doubted, sent me light;
Still Thine arm has been around me,
All my paths were in Thy sight.

2 In the world will foes assail me,
Craftier, stronger far than I;
And the strife will never fail me,
Well I know, before I die.
Therefore, Lord, I come, believing
Thou canst give the power I need,
Through the prayer of faith receiving
Strength—the Spirit's strength, indeed.

3 I would trust in Thy protecting,
Wholly rest upon Thine arm,
Follow wholly Thy directing,
Thou mine only Guard from harm!
Keep me from mine own undoing,
Help me turn to Thee when tried;
Still my footsteps, Father, viewing,
Keep me ever at Thy side.

252 6,7,6.

HOW can I thank Thee, Lord,
For all Thy loving-kindness?
Thou hast so long a time
Had patience with my blindness,
When dead in many sins
And trespasses I lay,
And kindled, holy God,
Thine anger every day.

2 Lord, Thou hast shown to me
  Divine commiseration:
I persevered in sin,
  But Thou in great compassion;
I did resist Thee, Lord,
  Deferring to repent;
Thou didst defer Thy wrath
  And instant punishment.

3 It is Thy work alone,
  That now I am converted,
Thy power o'er Satan's work
  In me Thou hast asserted;
Thy mercy, that doth reach
  Unto the clouds, O Lord,
Did break my stony heart
  By Thine own mighty Word.

4 Though able to offend
  Thee, Lord, by sin and failing,
Still to regain Thy grace
  My strength was unavailing.
Though I could fall from grace
  And choose the way of sin,
I had no strength to rise,
  A new life to begin.

5 But Thou hast raised me up,
  And with divine compassion
Hast showm me, Lord, the way
  That leadeth to salvation.
I thank Thee, Lord, that now
  My former sins I hate,
And freely— not from fear—
  Dead works abominate.

6 That I may not backslide,
  But life in heaven inherit,
Grant me, while here I live,
  O Lord, Thy holy Spirit,

That He may give me strength
In mine infirmity,
And e'er renew my heart,
To serve Thee willingly.

7 O guide and lead me, Lord,
While here below I wander;
Grant that I follow Thee,
My Guide and my Commander.
For if I lead myself,
I soon am led astray,
But if Thou leadest me,
I do my duty aye.

8 O Father, God of love,
Hear now my supplication!
Lord Jesus, Son of God,
O grant me Thy salvation!
And Thou, O Holy Ghost,
Always abide with me,
That I may serve Thee here,
And there eternally!

253 9,10,10.

JEHOVAH, let me now adore Thee,
For where is there a God such, Lord, as Thou?
With songs I fain would come before Thee;
O let Thy Holy Spirit teach me now
To praise Thee in His name, through whom alone
Our songs can please Thee, through Thy blessèd Son.

2 O Father, draw me to my Saviour,
That Thy dear Son may draw me unto Thee;
Thy Spirit guide my whole behaviour
And rule both sense and reason thus in me,

That, Lord, Thy peace I taste may ne'er depart
But wake sweet melodies within my heart.

3 Grant that Thy Spirit prompt my praises,
Then shall my singing surely please Thine ear;
Sweet are the sounds my heart then raises,
My prayer in truth and spirit Thou wilt hear.
Then shall Thy Spirit raise my heart to Thee,
To sing Thee psalms of praise in high degree.

4 For He can plead for me with sighings
That are unutterable to lips like mine;
He bids me pray with earnest cryings,
Bears witness with my soul that I am Thine,
Joint-heir with Christ, and thus may dare to say:
O Abba, Father! hear me, when I pray.

5 When thus my heart in prayer ascendeth
Through Thine own Holy Spirit unto Thee,
Thy heart, O Father, kindly bendeth
Its fervent love and favor unto me,
Rejoicing my petition to fulfill
Which I have made according to Thy will.

5 And what Thy Spirit thus hath taught me
To seek from Thee, must needs be such a prayer
As Thou wilt grant, through Him who bought me,
And raised me up to be Thy child and heir;
In Jesus' name I fearless seek Thy face,
And take from Thee, my Father, grace for grace.

7 O joy! my hope and trust are founded
On His sure Word, and witness in the heart;

I know Thy mercies are unbounded,
And all good gifts Thou freely wilt impart,
Nay, more is lavished by Thy bounteous hand
Than I can ask, or seek, or understand.

8 O bliss! in Jesus' name I've tendered
My prayer; He pleads at Thy right hand for me.
Yea and Amen in Him is rendered
What I in faith and spirit ask of Thee.
O joy for me! and praise be ever Thine
Whose wondrous love has made such blessings mine!

254 8,7.

JESUS, I my cross have taken,
All to leave, and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou, from hence, my All shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

2 Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour too:
Human hearts and looks deceive me —
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may shun me;
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

3 Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain.

I have called Thee Abba, Father!
  I have stayed my heart on Thee:
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather,
  All must work for good to me.

4 Man may trouble and distress me,
  'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
  Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me,
  While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me,
  Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

5 Take, my soul, thy full salvation;
  Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station
  Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
  What a Father's smile is thine;
What a Saviour died to win thee:
  Child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

6 Haste thee on from grace to glory,
  Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee,
  God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
  Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
  Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

255 S. M

JESUS, my Truth, my Way,
  My sure unerring Light,
On Thee my feeble soul I stay,
  Which Thou wilt lead aright.

2 My Wisdom and my Guide,
My Counsellor Thou art;
O let me never leave Thy side,
Nor from Thy paths depart.

3 Thou seest my feebleness;
Jesus, be Thou my Power,
My Help and Refuge in distress,
My Fortress and my Tower.

4 Give me to trust in Thee;
Be Thou my sure Abode:
My Horn, and Rock, and Buckler be,
My Saviour and my God.

5 Myself I cannot save,
Myself I cannot keep;
But strength in Thee I surely have,
Whose eyelids never sleep.

6 My soul to Thee alone
Now, therefore, I commend:
Thou, Jesus, having loved Thine own,
Wilt love me to the end!

256 Iambic. 8,7.

LORD, as Thou wilt, deal Thou with me,
No other wish I cherish;
In life and death I cling to Thee,
O Lord, let me not perish!
Let but Thy grace ne'er from me part,
Else as Thou wilt; grant patient heart:
Thy will the best is ever.

2 Grant honor, truth, prosperity,
And love thy Word to ponder;
False doctrines, Lord, keep far from me,
And grant both here and yonder

What serves my everlasting bliss;
Preserve me from unrighteousness
In all my life and doings.

3 When, at Thy summons, I must leave
This world of sin and sadness,
Grant me Thy grace, Lord, not to grieve,
But to depart with gladness;
My spirit I commend to Thee,
O Lord, a blessed end give me
Through Jesus Christ;—Yea, Amen.

257 8,7,4,6,8.

LORD, hear the voice of my complaint,
To Thee I now commend me,
Let not my heart and hope grow faint,
But deign Thy grace to send me.
True faith from Thee, my God, I seek,
The faith that loves Thee solely,
Keeps me lowly,
And prompt to aid the weak,
And mark each word that Thou dost speak.

2 Yet more from Thee I dare to claim,
Whose goodness is unbounded;
O let me ne'er be put to shame,
My hope be ne'er confounded;
But e'en in death still find Thee true,
And in that hour else lonely,
Trust Thee only,
Not aught that I can do,
For such false trust I sore should rue.

3 O grant that from my very heart
My foes be all forgiven,
Forgive my sins and heal their smart,
And grant new life from heaven;

Thy Word, that blessed food, bestow,
  Which best the soul can nourish;
  Make it flourish
Through all the storms of woe
That else my faith might overthrow.

4 Then be the world my foe or friend,
  Keep me to her a stranger,
Thy steadfast follower to the end,
  Through pleasure and through danger;
From Thee alone comes such high grace,
  No works of ours obtain it,
  I can gain it;
Our pride hath here no place—
'Tis Thy free promise we embrace.

5 Help me, for I am weak; I fight,
  Yet scarce can battle longer;
I cling but to Thy grace and might,
  'Tis Thou canst make me stronger;
When sore temptations are my lot,
  And tempests round me lower,
  Break the power.
So, through deliverance wrought,
I know that Thou forsak'st me not.

258 6,4.

MY faith looks up to Thee,
  Thou Lamb of Calvary,
  Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
  Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
  My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,

O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.

3 While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream;
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

259 L. M.

MY God, my Father, while I stray
Far from my home, on life's rough way,
O teach me from my heart to say,
Thy will be done! : , :

2 Though dark my path, and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
Thy will be done! : , :

3 What though in lonely grief I sigh
For friends beloved, no longer nigh?
Submissive still would I reply,
Thy will be done! : , :

4 Though Thou hast called me to resign
What most I prized, it ne'er was mine;
I have but yielded what was Thine;
Thy will be done! : , :

5 Should grief or sickness waste away
My life in premature decay,
My Father, still I strive to say,
Thy will be done! ; , :

6 Let but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest;
Thy will be done! ; , :

7 Renew my will from day to day;
Blend it with Thine; and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
Thy will be done! ; , :

8 Then, when on earth I breathe no more,
The prayer oft mixed with tears before,
I'll sing upon a happier shore,
Thy will be done! : , :

260 S.M.

MY soul, be on Thy guard;
Ten thousand foes arise,
And hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

2 O watch, and fight, and pray,
The battle ne'er give o'er;
Renew it boldly every day,
And help divine implore.

3 Ne'er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine armor down,
Thine arduous work will not be done,
Till thou receive thy crown.

4 Fight on, my soul, till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee at thy parting breath,
To His divine abode.

261 S. M.

My spirit on Thy care,
Blest Saviour, I recline;
Thou wilt not leave me to despair,
For Thou art Love divine.

2 In Thee I place my trust,
On Thee I calmly rest:
I know Thee good, I know Thee just,
And count Thy choice the best.

3 Whate'er events betide,
Thy will they all perform;
Safe in Thy breast my head I hide,
Nor fear the coming storm.

4 Let good or ill befall,
It must be good for me;
Secure of having Thee in all,
Of having all in Thee.

262 C. M.

O FOR a faith that will not shrink,
Though pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;

2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod:
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God.

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness, feels no doubt.

4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown,
Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown,
Nor Satan's arts beguile:

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray
Lights up a dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

263 6,7.

O God, forsake me not!
But lead, full of compassion,
With loving hands Thy child,
That I may gain salvation,
When here my course is run;
Be Thou my Light, my Lot,
My Staff' my Rock, my Shield,—
O God, forsake me not!

2 O God, forsake me not!
Take not Thy Spirit from me,
And suffer not the might
Of sin to overcome me;
Increase my feeble faith,
Which Thou Thyself hast wrought;
Be Thou my Strength and Power—
O God, forsake me not!

3 O God, forsake me not!
Lord, hear my supplication!
In every evil hour
Help me o'ercome temptation;
And when the Prince of hell
My conscience seeks to blot,
Be Thou not far from me—
O God, forsake me not!

4 O God, forsake me not!
Thy mercy I'm addressing;

O Father, God of love,
Grant me Thy heavenly blessing
To do the duty which
To me Thou didst allot,
To do what pleaseth Thee—
O God, forsake me not!

5 O God, forsake me not!
Lord, I am thine forever,
Grant me true faith in Thee,
Grant that I leave Thee never;
Grant me a blessed end,
When my good fight is fought,
Help me in life and death—
O God, forsake me not!

264 C.M.

O God of Jacob, by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage,
Hast all our fathers led!

2 To Thee our humble vows we raise,
To Thee address our prayer;
And in Thy kind and faithful breast
Deposit all our care.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide,
Give us each day our daily bread
And raiment fit provide.

4 O spread Thy covering wings around,
Till all our wanderings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace.

5 To Thee, as to our covenant God,
We'll our whole selves resign,
And thankful own that all we are,
And all we have, is Thine,

265 6,7,6.

O GOD, Thou faithful God,
Thou Fount that ever flowest,
Without whom nothing is,
Who all good gifts bestowest;
A pure and healthy frame
O give me, and within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unhurt by sin.

2 And grant me, Lord, to do,
With ready heart and willing,
Whate'er Thou shalt command:
My calling here fulfilling;
To do it when I ought,
With all my strength; and bless
The work I thus have wrought,
For Thou must give success.

3 O let me never speak
What bounds of truth exceedeth:
Grant that no idle word
From out my mouth proceedeth;
And grant, when in my place
I must and ought to speak,
My words due power and grace,
Nor let me wound the weak.

4 If dangers gather round,
Still keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross,
When life is dark and cheerless;
Let me subdue my foe
By words and actions kind;
When counsel I would know,
Good counsel let me find.

5 And let me with all men,
As far as in me lieth,

In peace and friendship live,
  And if Thy gift supplieth
Me wealth and honor fair,
  Then this refuse me not,
That naught be mingled there
  Of goods unjustly got.

6 And if a longer life,
  Be here on earth decreed me,
And Thou through many a strife
  To age at last wilt lead me,
Thy patience in me shed,
  Avert all sin and shame,
And crown my hoary head
  With pure untarnished fame.

7 Let me depart this life
  Confiding in my Saviour;
Do Thou my soul receive,
  That it may live forever;
And let my body have.
  A quiet resting-place
Beside a Christian's grave,
  And let it sleep in peace.

8 And on that solemn day
  When all the dead are waking,
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand,
  Thyself my slumbers breaking;
Then let me hear Thy voice,
  And change this earthly frame,
And bid me aye rejoice
  With those who love Thy name.

266 8,7,4.

O LORD, I love Thee from my heart;
  I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me;
  I scorn the richest earthly lot,

E'en heaven and earth attract me not,
If only Thou be near me.
Yea, though my heart be like to break,
Thou shalt my Trust that naught can shake,
My Portion and my Comfort be.
Who by Thy blood hast purchased me,
Lord Jesus Christ!
My God and Lord! my God and Lord!
Forsake me not who trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy free bounty gave
My body, soul, and what I have
In this poor life of labor;
O grant that I may through Thy grace
Use all my powers to show Thy praise,
And serve and help my neighbor.
From all false doctrine keep me, Lord,
From Satan's lies and malice ward,
In every cross uphold Thou me,
That I may bear it patiently,
Lord Jesus Christ!
My God and Lord! my God and Lord!
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Ah! Lord, let Thy dear angels come
At my last end to bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in painless sleep
Until Thy reappearing;
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Saviour and my Fount of grace!
Lord Jesus Christ!
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

267 C. M.

O LORD, my best desire fulfill,
And help me to resign
Life, health, and comfort to Thy will,
And make Thy pleasure mine.

2 Why should I shrink at Thy command,
Whose love forbids my fears?
Or tremble at the gracious hand
That wipes away my tears?

3 No, rather let me freely yield
What most I prize to Thee,
Who never hast a good withheld,
Nor wilt withhold, from me.

4 Thy favor, all my journey through,
Thou art engaged to grant:
What else I want, or think I do,
'Tis better still to want.

268 L. M. 61

O LOVE, who formedst me to wear
The image of Thy Godhead here;
Who soughtest me with tender care
Through all my wand'rings wild and drear—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

2 O Love, who ere life's earliest dawn
On me Thy choice hast gently laid;
O Love, who here as man wast born
And like to us in all things made—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

3 O Love, who once in time wast slain,
Pierced through and through with bitter woe;
O Love, who wrestling thus didst gain
That we eternal joy might know—

O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

4 O Love, of whom is truth and light,
The Word and Spirit, life and power,
Whose heart was bared to them that smite,
To shield us in our trial hour—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

5 O Love, who thus hast bound me fast
Beneath that gentle yoke of Thine;
Love, who hast conquered me at last
And rapt away this heart of mine—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

6 O Love, who lovest me for aye,
Who for my soul dost ever plead;
O Love, who didst my ransom pay,
Who for me e'er dost intercede—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be.

7 O Love, who once shalt bid me rise
From out this dying life of ours;
O Love, who once above yon skies
Shalt set me in the fadeless bowers—
O Love, I give myself to Thee,
Thine ever, only Thine to be,

269 C. M.

O THAT the Lord would guide my ways,
To keep His statutes still!
O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wandering sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands,
Offend against my God.

270 S. M.

O THOU who wouldst not have
One wretched sinner die,
Who diedst Thyself, my soul to save
From endless misery!
Teach me my course to run
While yet I sojourn here
That when Thou comest on Thy throne
I may with joy appear.

2 Thou art Thyself the Way,
Thyself in me reveal;
So shall I pass my life's short day
Obedient to Thy will;
To shall I love my God,
Because He first loved me,
And praise Thee in Thy bright abode,
Through all eternity.

271 C. M.

PRAYER is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

2 Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The fallling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near.

3 Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

4 Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold, he prays!"

5 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gate of death—
He enters heaven with prayer.

6 The saints in prayer appear as one
In word, and deed, and mind,
While with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

7 Nor prayer is made by man alone,—
The Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on the eternal throne
For sinners intercedes.

8 O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod—
Lord, teach us how to pray!

272 L. M.

RENEW me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace,
That issues from Thy holy face.

2 Destroy in me the lust of sin,
From all impureness make me clean,
O grant me power and strength, my God,
To strive against my flesh and blood.

3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Thy Word,
And naught but what Thou wilt, desire;
With such new life my soul inspire.

4 Grant that I only Thee may love,
And seek those things which are above,
Till I behold Thee face to face,
O Light eternal, through Thy grace.

273 7.6,6.

RISE, my soul, to watch and pray,
From thy sleep awake thee,
Lest at last the evil day
Suddenly o'ertake thee;
For the Foe, Well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth,
While the Christian sleepeth.

2 But first rouse thee, and awake
From secure indiff'rence;
Else will follow in its wake
Woe without deliv'rance.
O beware! Soul, take care!
Death in sins might find thee,
Ere thou look behind thee.

3 Wake and watch, or else thy night
Christ can ne'er enlighten;
Far off still will seem the light
That thy path should brighten;
God demands Eyes and hands
Open for the offers
He so richly proffers.

4 Watch against the Devil's snares,
  Lest asleep he find thee;
For, indeed, no pains he spares
  To deceive and blind thee;
Satan's prey Oft are they,
Who are soundly sleeping,
And no good watch keeping

5 Watch against the world that frowns
  Darkly to dismay thee;
Watch, when she thy wishes crowns,
  Smiling to betray thee;
Watch and see Thou art free
From false friends that charm thee,
While they seek to harm thee.

6 Watch against thyself, my soul,
  See thou do not stifle
Grace that should thy thoughts control,
  Nor with mercy trifle;
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All thy hopes to scatter;
List not, when they flatter.

7 But while watching, also see
  That thou pray unceasing,
For the Lord must make thee free,
  Strength and faith increasing,
So to do Service true;
Let not sloth enslave thee;
Pray, and He will save thee.

8 Yea, indeed, He bids us pray,
  Promising to hear us,
E'er to be our Staff and Stay,
  Ever to be near us.
Ere we plead Will He heed,
Strengthen, keep, defend us,
And deliv'rance send us.

9 Courage then, for all things must
  Work for good, and bless us,
If we but in prayerful trust
  To His Son address us;
For He will Richly fill,
And His Spirit send us,
Who to Him commend us.

10 Therefore let us watch and pray
  Ever without ceasing,
For we know, with every day
  Dangers are increasing;
And the end Doth impend,
When the trumpet calleth,
Earth in ruins falleth.

274 8,7.

SAVIOUR, who Thy flock art feeding
  With the Shepherd's kindest care,
All the feeble gently leading,
  While the lambs Thy bosom share.

2 Now, these little ones receiving,
  Fold them in Thy gracious arm;
There, we know, Thy Word believing,
  Only there secure from harm.

3 Never, from Thy pasture roving,
  Let them be the Lion's prey;
Let Thy tenderness, so loving,
  Keep them through life's dangerous way.

4 Then within Thy fold eternal
  Let them find a resting-place:
Feed in pastures ever vernal,
  Drink the rivers of Thy grace.

275 6,4.

SHEPHERD of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant King,
We come Thy name to sing,
And here our children bring,
To join Thy praise.

2 Thou art our holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife:
Thou didst Thyself abase,
That from sin's deep disgrace
Thou mightest save our race,
And give us life.

3 O wisdom's great High Priest!
Thou hast prepared the feast
Of holy love:
And in our mortal pain
None calls on Thee in vain:
Help Thou dost not disdain,
Help from above.

4 Ever be near our side,
Our Shepherd and our Guide,
Our Staff and Song:
Jesus, Thou Christ of God,
By Thine enduring Word,
Lead us where Thou hast trod;
Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die,
Sound we Thy praises high,
And joyful sing:
Let all the holy throng
Who to Thy church belong,
Unite and swell the song
To Christ our King.

276 S.M.

SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on!
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His eternal Son;

2 Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power:
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

3 Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God:

4 That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

5 From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray:
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

6 Still let the Spirit cry,
In all His soldiers, "Come,"
Till Christ the Lord descends from high,
And takes the conquerors home.

277 9,8,8.

SOUL, what return has God thy Saviour
For all He gives thee day by day?
O hast thou in thy gift a favor
That can delight and please Him?—say!
The best of offerings He requires;
Give Him thy heart with its desires.

2 Give God His own, if aught thou'rt giving;
Say, soul, to whom belongs the heart?
Can Satan, he who hates the living,
Or any creature claim a part?—
To Thee alone I will assign
O Lord, my heart and all that's mine.

3 Accept the gift which Thou requirest,
The first-fruits of my heart, O God!
The offerings Thou so much desirest,
And dearly paid'st for with Thy blood;
To Thee alone I now resign
My heart, to be for ever Thine.

4 Whom should I give my heart's affection
But Thee, who givest Thine to faith?
Thy fervent love is my protection:
Lord, Thou hast loved me unto death.
My heart with Thine shall ever be
One heart throughout eternity.

278 S.M.

THE man is ever blest,
Who shuns the sinner's ways;
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorner's place.

2 But makes the Law of God
His study and delight,
Amid the labors of the day,
And watches of the night.

3 He like a tree shall thrive,
With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf, his name shall live;
His works are heavenly fruit.

4 Not so the ungodly race,
They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

5 How will they bear to stand
  Before that judgment-seat,
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
  In full assembly meet?

6 He knows and He approves
  The way the righteous go:
But sinners and their works shall meet
  A dreadful overthrow.

279 9,8,6.

THEE will I love, my Strength, my Tower,
  Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy,
Thee will I love, with all my power,
  With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine!

2 Thee will I love, my Life, my Saviour,
  Who art my best and truest Friend;
Thee will I love and praise forever,
  For never shall Thy kindness end;
Thee will I love with all my heart,
For Thou my Bridegroom art.

3 Alas! that I so late have known Thee,
  Who art the Fairest and the Best;
Nor sooner for my Lord could own Thee,
  Our highest Good, our only Rest!
Now bitter shame and grief I prove
O'er this my tardy love.

4 I wandered long in willing blindness,
  I sought Thee, but I found Thee not,
For still I shunned Thy beams of kindness,
  The creature-light filled all my thought;
And if at last I see Thee now,
'Twas Thou to me didst bow!

5 I thank Thee, then, true Son of heaven,
Whose shining hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.

6 O keep me watchful, then, and humble,
And suffer me no more to stray;
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
Nor let me loiter by the way;
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!

7 O teach me Lord, to love Thee truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly
Practice fore'er love's sacred art;
Grant that my every thought may be
Directed e'er to Thee.

8 Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness,
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
Not for the hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

280 L.M.

THERE is within this heart of mine
A little church, with sacred shrine,
And stained forever with the blood
Of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Here dwelleth God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One;
He is my soul's beloved Guest,
And grants my heart true peace and rest.

3 This little church looks poor and odd;
But being the abode of God
It has a glorious, peerless grace:
It is God's royal dwelling-place.

4 This little church, Lord, I commend
Unto Thy care, and pray: Defend
And shield it from calamity,
Dwell there now and eternally.

281 7s

THINE forever! God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

2 Thine forever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

3 Thine forever! O how blest
They who find in Thee their rest;
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

4 Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

282 8.7.

WHAT is the world to me,
And all its vaunted pleasure,
When Thou, and Thou alone,
Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord,
My soul's Delight shalt be,
Thou art my Peace, my Rest—
What is the world to me!

2 The world is like the smoke,
  A fleeting exhalation;
A shadow faint and dim
  Of very short duration;
My Jesus doth abide,
  Though all things fade and flee;
My everlasting Rock—
  What is the world to me!

3 The world strives to be praised
  And honored by the mighty,
Nor will at all reflect
  How frail they are and flighty;
But what I glory in
  Above all things, is He,
My Jesus, He alone—
  What is the world to me!

4 The world seeks after wealth,
  And unto Mammon offers
Its all, content if gold
  Is hoarded in its coffers;
I know a higher good,
  Which e'er my joy shall be;
My Jesus is my Wealth—
  What is the world to me!

5 The world is sorely grieved,
  If ever it is slighted,
As though an enemy
  Its honor would have blighted;
Christ, I bear Thy reproach,
  While thus it pleaseth Thee!
I'm honored by my Lord—
  What is the world to me!

6 The world cannot extol
  Too highly sinful pleasures,

And foolishly resigns
For them the heavenly treasures.
Let others love the world,
To please their vanity:
I love the Lord, my God—
What is the world to me!

7 What is the world to me!
It rapidly must vanish,
With all its gorgeous pomp
Pale death it cannot banish;
Its riches pass away,
And all its joys must flee,
But Jesus doth abide—
What is the world to me!

8 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Wealth, my All,
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My heavenly Happiness
And Bliss eternally;
Once more, then, I would say,
What is the world to me!

283 C. M.

WHEN I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies,
I bid farewell to every fear,
And wipe my weeping eyes.

2 Should earth against my soul engage,
And hellish darts be hurled;
Then I can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world.

3 Let cares like a wild deluge come,
And storms of sorrow fall,
May I but safely reach my home,
My God, my heaven, my all!

4 There shall I bathe my weary soul
In seas of heavenly rest;
And not a wave of trouble roll
Across my peaceful breast.

284 C.P.M.

WHERE'ER I go, whate'er my task,
The counsel of my God I ask,
Who ruleth all things right;
Unless He give both thought and deed,
The utmost pains can ne'er succeed,
And vain must be man's might.

2 For what can all my toil avail?
My care, my watching,—all must fail,
Unless my God is there;
Then let Him order all for me
As in His will He shall decree,
On God I cast my care.

3 For naught can come, as naught has been,
But what my Father has forseen,
And what shall work my good;
Whate'er He gives me I will take,
Whate'er He chooses I will make
My choice with thankful mood.

4 I lean upon His mighty arm,
Which shieldeth me from every harm
And all calamity;
If in His precepts I shall live,
Whate'er is useful He will give;
Nothing can injure me.

5 But only may He of His grace
The record of my guilt efface,
And wipe out all my debt;
Though I have sinned He will not straight

Pronounce His judgment, He will wait,
Have patience with me yet.

6 I travel to a distant land
To serve the post wherein I stand,
Which He hath bid me fill;
And He will bless me with His light,
That I may serve His world aright,
And make me know His will.

7 And though through desert wilds I fare,
Yet Jesus Christ is with me there,
The Lord Himself is near;
In all my dangers He will come,
And He who kept me safe at home,
Can keep me safely here.

8 Yes, He will speed me on my way,
And point me where to go and stay,
And help me still and lead;
Let me in health and safety live,
And time and wind and weather give,
And whatsoe'er I need.

9 His holy angel being near,
My enemies I need not fear,
For He protects me well;
I owe it to my faithful Guide,
Who never yet hath left my side,
That I in peace may dwell.

10 When late at night my rest I take,
When early in the morn I wake,
Halting, or on my way,
In hours of weakness or in bonds,
When vexed with fears my heart desponds,
God's Word is e'er my stay.

11 Since then my course is traced by Him,
I will not fear that future dim,
  But go to meet my doom,
Well knowing, naught awaits me there
Too hard for me through Him to bear;
  All evil I o'ercome.

12 To Him myself I wholly give,
At His command I die or live,
  I trust His love and power;
Whether to-morrow or to-day
His summons come, I will obey,
  He knows the proper hour.

13 But if it please that love most kind,
And if this voice within my mind
  Be whispering not in vain,
I yet shall praise my God ere long
In many a sweet and joyful song,
  When in my home again.

14 To those I love will He be near,
With his consoling light appear,
  Who is my Shield and theirs;
And He will grant beyond our thought
What they and I alike have sought
  With tears and fervent prayers.

15 Then, O my soul, be ne'er afraid,
On Him who thee and all things made
  With calm reliance rest;
Whate'er may come, where'er we go,
Our Father in the heavens must know,
  In all things, what is best.

285 S.M.

YE servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heavenly Word,
And watchful at His gate.

2 Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

3 Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak, He's near·
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear.

4 O happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

XIX. MORNING.

286 L.M.

AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refreshed me while I slept:
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake!

3 Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say;
That as my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

287 8,7,7.

GOD who madest earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Who the day and night hast given,
Sun and moon and starry host,
Thou whose mighty hand sustains
Earth and all that she contains:

2 Praise to Thee my soul shall render,
Who this night hast guarded me;
My omnipotent Defender,
Who from ill dost set me free:
Free from danger, anguish, woe,
Free from the infernal Foe.

3 Let the night, of my transgression
With nights darkness pass away:
Jesus, into Thy possession
I resign myself to-day.
In Thy wounds I find relief
From my greatest sin and grief.

4 Grant that I may rise this morning
From the lethargy of sin:
So my soul, through Thy adorning,
Shall be glorious within;
And I at the judgment day
Shall not be a cast-away.

5 Let my life and conversation
  Be directed by Thy Word;
Lord, Thy constant preservation
  To Thine erring child afford.
Nowhere but alone in Thee
From all harm can I be free.

6 Wholly to Thy blest protection
  I commit my heart and mind.
Mighty God! to Thy direction
  Wholly I may be resigned.
Lord, my Shield, my Light divine,
O accept and own me Thine!

7 Lord, to me Thine angel sending,
  Keep me from the subtle Foe;
From his craft and might defending,
  Never let Thy wanderer go,
Till my final rest shall come,
And Thine angel bear me home.

288 8,8,7,4,8

HOW lovely now the morning-star
  In twilight sky bright gleams afar,
  While night her curtain raiseth;
Each creature hails, with ravished sight,
The glories of returning light,
  And God its Maker praiseth.
Both far, And near,
  All things living Thanks are giving,
There high soaring,
Here through earth's wide field adoring.

2 Then haste, my soul, thy song to raise,
Nor spare in thy Redeemer's praise
  To pour thy due oblation;
For glory, Lord, to Thee belongs,
Thy praise resounds in grateful songs,
  With pious emulation,

Joy rings Glad strings:
  Voices sounding, Hearts rebounding,
Thus all nature
Sings Thy praise, O great Creator.

3 Unconscious, I securely slept,
Nor saw the cruel foes which kept
  Close watch about my slumber;
Though evil spirits, through the night,
With hellish craft and watchful spite,
  Came round me without number;
Whose hands In bands,
  Mischief brewing For my ruin,
Had enslaved me,
Hadst not Thou stood by and saved me.

4 For, Jesus, Thou with saving power
Wast near me in that threatening hour,
  Didst save me from their fury;
And I reposed in quiet sleep,
Whilst Thou unwearied watch didst keep;
  To Thee all praise and glory!
Lord, all My soul,
  Upward springing, Loudly singing,
Shall adore Thee,
While on earth I walk before Thee.

5 This day my Fortress, Lord, abide,
Now ope Thy gates of mercy wide,
  Within their shelter place me;
My Castle and my Rock Thou art,
O let no foeman's treacherous dart
  From Thee, my Stronghold, chase me.
Help, Lord, Afford!
  Near me tarry, Blows to parry,
While around me
Sword and arrow sore confound me.

6 Pour down Thy grace in cheering streams,
And warm my heart with mercy's beams
From heaven, Thy throne of beauty;
Let Thy good Spirit guide my will,
That I, whate'er my station, still
May seek my joy in duty.
Send light And might
That each measure, Scheme and pleasure,
Heavenward tending,
Still in Thee may find its ending.

7 Keep grief, if this may be, away;
If not, Thy will be done, I say,
My choice to Thine resigning.
O come, and like the morning dew
Refresh my heart, and make it new,
That I may unrepining,
Bear cross And loss,
Till that morrow Chase all sorrow,
When upraisèd
Where Thy nam e is ever praisèd.

8 Meanwhile, my heart, both sing and leap,
Mid cross and loss good courage keep,
To heaven's bright gate you hasten;
Then lay desponding care aside,
God ever thus His own hath tried,
And those He loves doth chasten;
Hope still Midst ill,
Calm, though grieving, Firm believing
Tribulation
Is the road to sure salvation.

289 C.M.

LORD of my life! O may Thy praise
Employ my noblest powers,
Whose goodness lengthens out my days,
And fills the circling hours!

2 Preserved by Thine almighty arm,
I pass the shades of night,
Serene and safe from every harm,
And see returning light.

3 When sleep, death's semblance, o'er me spread,
And I unconscious lay;
Thy watchful care was round my bed
To guard my feeble clay.

4 O let the same almighty care
My waking hours attend:
From every trespass, every snare,
My heedless steps defend.

5 Smile on my minutes as they roll,
And guide my future days;
And let Thy goodness fill my soul
With gratitude and praise.

290 7,6,7,6,6,7,7,6.

MY inmost heart now raises,
In this fair morning hour
A Song of thankful praises
To Thine almighty power,
O God, upon Thy throne!
To honor and adore Thee,
I bring my praise before Thee,
Through Christ, Thine Only Son.

2 For Thou from me hast warded
All perils of the night;
From every harm hast guarded
My soul till morning's light.
Humbly to Thee I cry:
O Saviour, have compassion,
And pardon my transgression;
Have mercy, Lord most high!

3 And shield me from all evil,
O gracious God, this day,
From sin, and from the Devil,
From shame and from dismay,
From fire's consuming breath,
From water's devastation,
From need and consternation,
From evil, sudden death.

4 My life, my soul—defend them!
My wife, child, goods, and home,—
To Thy hand I commend them,
From Thee these blessings come;
Thy bounteous hand bestows
My household and my treasures,
My parents, friends, and pleasures;
My cup with good o'erflows.

5 Let not Thine angel leave me,
While here on earth I stay,
Lest Satan's arts deceive me,
And lead my soul astray!
Then keep Thine angel near
At night and each new morrow,
Lest soul and body sorrow,
And faltering cost me dear.

6 God shall do my advising,
Whose might with wisdom blends;
May He bless rest and rising,
My efforts, means and ends!
To God, forever blessed,
Will I with mine confide me,
And suffer Him to guide me
As seemeth to Him best.

7 Amen! I say, not fearing
That God rejects my praye ;

I doubt not He is hearing
And granting me His care.
So I put forth my hands,
And look not long behind me,
But ply the task assigned me
By God, as He commands.

291 7s.

NOW the shades of night are gone,
Now the morning light is come;
Lord, may we be Thine to-day,
Drive the shades of sin away,

2 Fill our souls with heavenly light,
Banish doubt and cleanse our sight;
In Thy service, Lord, to-day,
Help us labor, help us pray.

3 Keep our haughty passions bound;
Save us from our foes around:
Going out and coming in,
Keep us safe from every sin.

4 When our work of life is past,
O receive us then at last!
Night of sin will be no more,
When we reach the heavenly shore.

292 L. M.

O HOLY, blessed Trinity,
Divine, essential Unity,
God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.

2 My soul and body keep from harm,
O'er all I have extend Thine arm,
That Satan may not cause distress,
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness

3 The Father's love shield me this day,
The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way,
The Holy Spirit's light divine
Illume my heart's benighted shrine.

4 My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart,
O my Redeemer, help impart,
Blest Comforter, keep at my side,
That faith and love in me abide.

5 Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine!
Lord, make Thy face upon me shine!
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me,
And give me peace— sweet peace from Thee.

293 S. M.

WE lift our hearts to Thee,
O Day-Star from on high!
The Sun itself is but Thy shade,
Yet cheers both earth and sky.

2 O let Thy rising beams
The night of sin disperse;
The mists of error and of vice
Which shade the universe.

3 How beauteous nature now!
How dark and sad before!
With joy we view the pleasing change,
And nature's God adore.

4 O may no gloomy crime
Pollute the rising day;
May Jesus' blood, like morning dew,
Wash all our stains away.

5 May we this life improve,
To mourn for errors past;
And live this short revolving day
As if it were our last.

294 L.M.61

WHEN, streaming from the eastern skies,
The morning light salutes mine eyes,
O Sun of righteousness divine,
On me with beams of mercy shine ;
Chase the dark clouds of sin away,
And turn my darkness into day.

2 When to heaven's great and glorious King
My morning sacrifice I bring :
And grieving o'er my guilt and shame,
Ask mercy, Saviour, in Thy name :
My conscience sprinkle with Thy blood,
And be my advocate with God.

3 When each day's scenes and labors close,
And wearied nature seeks repose,
With pardoning mercy richly blest,
Guard me, my Saviour, while I rest :
And as each morning's sun shall rise,
O lead me onward to the skies.

4 And at my life's last setting sun,
My conflict o'er, my labors done,
Jesus, Thy heavenly radiance shed,
To cheer and bless my dying bed ;
And from death's gloom my spirit raise,
To see Thy face and sing Thy praise.

295 7,6.

WHILE yet the morn is breaking,
I thank my God once more,
Beneath whose care awaking
I find the night is o'er ;
I thank Him that He calls me
To life and health anew ;
I know, what'er befalls me,
His care will still be true.

2 Guardian of Israel, hear me,
  Watch o'er me through the day,
In all I do be near me:
  For others too, I pray;
To Thee I would commend them,
  Our Church, our school, our land,
Direct them and defend them,
  When dangers are at hand.

3 O gracious Lord, direct us,
  Thy doctrine pure defend,
From heresies protect us,
  And for Thy Word contend,
That we may praise Thee ever,
  O God, with one accord,
Saying: The Lord our Saviour
  Be evermore adored!

4 O grant us peace and gladness,
  Give us our daily bread,
Shield us from grief and sadness,
  On us Thy blessings shed;
Grant that our whole behaviour
  In truth and righteousness
May praise Thee, Lord our Saviour
  Whose holy name we bless.

5 And gently grant Thy blessing,
  That we may do Thy will,
No more Thy ways transgressing,
  Our proper task fulfill;
With Peter's full affiance
  Let down our nets again;
If Thou art our Reliance,
  Our toil will not be vain.

6 With craftiness unceasing
  Strives Satan to restrain

What in Thy sight is pleasing,
  And for Thy Church is gain;
Yet vain is his endeavor,
  For Thou, O Christ our Lord,
Dost rule all things forever
  By Thine almighty Word.

7 Thou art the Vine,—O nourish
  The branches graft in Thee,
And let them grow and flourish
  A fair and fruitful tree;
Thy Spirit pour within us,
  And let His gifts of grace
To all good actions win us,
  That best may show Thy praise.

XX. EVENING.

296 L. M.

BEFORE Thy throne I now appear,
  O Lord, bow down Thy gracious ear
To me, and cast not from Thy face
Thy sinful child that sues for grace.

2 Thou, Father of eternity,
Thine image hast impressed on me;
In Thee I am, and live, and move,
Nor can exist without Thy love.

3 Oft hast Thou snatched me from distress,
And raised me oft when comfortless,
When but a step, nay, one hair's breadth,
Was 'twixt my tottering life and death.

4 My sense and reason come from Thee,
And sustenance Thou givest me;

A faithful friend Thou dost bestow,
To prove his love in weal and woe.

5 Thou hast redeemed me, Son of God,
Hast shed for me Thy precious blood,
The Law for my sake hast fulfilled,
And thus Thy Father's wrath hast stilled.

6 When sin and Satan witness bear
Against me, that I must despair,
As Mediator Thou stepst in,
And sav'st me from the curse of sin.

7 Thou art my Advocate for aye,
My Saviour, Comfort, and my Stay!
Thine all-sufficient merit is
On earth, my peace; in heaven, my bliss.

8 God, Holy Spirit, Power divine!
Thou workest in this heart of mine;
Naught can be counted good in me,
But what proceeds alone from Thee.

9 Through Thee, I now my God adore,
And call Him Father evermore;
Through Thee, His Word and Sacrament
I love and hold, tell life is spent.

10 Through Thee, I'm in temptation free
From fear and sad despondency;
Through Thee, I'm quickened oft to taste
The sweets of Thine eternal rest.

11 I, therefore, now give thanks to Thee
With heart and tongue most joyfully
For all Thy mercies, Lord, my God,
Which on my soul Thou hast bestowed.

12 Beseeching Thine almighty grace
To aid me, till I've run my race;
Soul, body, honor, house, and friend,
To Thy protection I commend.

13 Give me a heart that is sincere,
To love Thy truth, and persevere
In real Christian piety,
And shun all foul hypocrisy.

14 My sins and trespasses forgive;
Have patience with me, while I live;
O give me faith and charity,
And let my hope rest but in Thee.

15 Grant that in peace I close mine eyes,
But, on the last day, bid me rise,
And let me see Thy face fore'er—
Amen, Amen, Lord, hear my prayer!

297 L. M.

CHRIST, everlasting Source of light,
All things are open to Thy sight;
Thou Splendor of Thy Father's face,
Show us the path of truth and grace.

2 We now implore Thy sovereign might
To keep us, Lord, the coming night;
Preserve us, Lord, from all distress;
O God, Thy mercy we address.

3 Remove our sinful drowsiness;
Let Satan not our soul oppress;
Our feeble flesh keep chaste and pure,
And let us rest in Thee secure.

4 And when our eyes are bound in sleep,
The lamp of faith still burning keep;
Thy hand sustain us, while we rest;
Remove our sin, and we are blest.

5 Great Guardian of Thy Christian flock,
Thy presence be our saving rock;
Thine agony and holy blood
Be always our support, O God!

6 Remember, Lord, the woes and pains
Which here our body hold in chains;
Our soul, which Thou hast ransomed, Lord,
O comfort with Thy holy Word.

7 To God the Father, and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory, praise, and majesty
Now, ever, and eternally.

298 L. M.

GLORY to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under Thine own almighty wings!

2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
With joy behold the judgment-day.

4 O may my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep my eyelids close!
Let no ill dream disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.

5 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

299 7,4,7,4,8,8,8,4.

GOD, who madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light,
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night,
May Thine angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet Thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night!

2 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
And when we die,
Let us in Thy mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.
When the trumpet's call shall wake us,
Do not Thou, blest Lord, forsake us,
But to reign in glory take us
With Thee on high!

300 11,5.

NOW God be with us, for the night is closing;
The light and darkness are of His disposing,
And 'neath His shadow here to rest we yield us,
For He will shield us.

2 Let evil thoughts and spirits flee before us;
Till morning cometh, watch, O Master, o'er us;
In soul and body Thou from harm defend us,
Thine angels send us,

3 Let pious thoughts be ours when sleep o'ertakes us,
Our earliest thoughts be Thine when morning wakes us;
All day serve Thee, in all that we are doing
Thy praise pursuing.

4 Through Thy Beloved soothe the sick and weeping,
And bid the captive lose his griefs in sleeping;
Widows and orphans, we to Thee commend them,
Do Thou befriend them.

5 We have no refuge, none on earth to aid us,
Save Thee, O Father, who Thine own hast made us;
But Thy dear presence will not leave them lonely
Who seek Thee only.

6 Father, Thy name be praised, Thy kingdom given,
Thy will be done on earth as 'tis in heaven,
Give daily bread, forgive our sins, deliver
Us now and ever.

301 7,7,6,8.

NOW rest beneath night's shadows
Man, beast, town, woods and meadows,
The world in slumber lies;
But thou, my heart, awake thee,
To prayer and song betake thee,
Let praise to thy Creator rise.

2 O sun, where art thou vanished?
The night thy reign hath banished,
The foe of day, the night.
Farewell, for now appeareth
Another Sun and cheereth
My heart—'tis Jesus Christ my Light!

3 The last faint beam is going,
The golden stars are glowing

In yonder dark-blue deep;
Such is the glory given,
When called of God to heaven,
On earth no more we pine and weep.

4 To rest my body hasteth,
Aside its garments casteth,
Types of mortality;
These I put off, and ponder
How Christ shall give me yonder
A robe of glorious majesty.

5 Head, hands, and feet reposing
Are glad the day is closing,
That work came to an end;
Cheer up my heart, with gladness!
For God from all earth's sadness
And from sin's toil relief will send.

6 Ye weary limbs! now rest you,
For toil hath sore oppressed you,
And quiet sleep ye crave;
A sleep shall once o'ertake you
From which no man can wake you,
In your last narrow bed—the grave.

7 My heavy eyes are closing:
When I lie deep reposing,
Soul, body, where are ye?
To helpless sleep I yield them,
O let Thy mercy shield them,
Thou sleepless Eye, their Guardian be!

8 Lord Jesus, who dost love me,
O spread Thy wings above me,
And shield me from alarm!
Though Satan would devour me,

Let angel-guards sing o'er me:
"This child of God shall meet no harm!"

9 My loved ones, rest securely,—
From every peril surely
Our God will guard your heads.
May He sweet slumbers send you,
And bid His hosts attend you,
And golden-armed, watch o'er your beds!

302 8,7.

SAVIOUR! breathe an evening blessing,
Ere repose our spirits seal;
Sin and want we come confessing;
Thou canst save, and Thou canst heal.

2 Though destruction walk around us,
Though the arrows past us fly,
Angel-guards from Thee surround us;
We are safe, if Thou art nigh.

3 Though the night be dark and dreary,
Darkness cannot hide from Thee:
Thou art He who, never weary,
Watcheth where Thy people be.

4 Should swift death this night o'ertake us
And our couch become our tomb,
May the morn in heaven awake us,
Clad in light and deathless bloom.

303 C. M.

SINCE now the day has reached its close,
And sunlight shines no more,
In sleep the toil-worn find repose,
And all who wept before.

2 But Thou, my God, no rest dost know,
No slumber dims Thy sight.

Thou hatest darkness as Thy foe,
For Thou Thyself art light.

3 O Lord, I pray remember me
Throughout the shades of night,
And grant to me most graciously
The shield of Thy great might.

4 Turn from me Satan's tyranny
Through many an angel-arm,
Then shall I be from danger free,
And safe from every harm.

5 I know the evil I have done
Doth cry aloud to Thee;
But yet the mercy of Thy Son
Hath full atoned for me.

6 Him I present Thee as my Bail,
While suppliant at Thy feet;
With such assurance I'll not fail
Before Thy judgment seat.

7 And therefore now I close my eyes,
And sleep with tranquil breast;
Why waste the time in fears or sighs?—
God watches o'er my rest.

8 Away, vain, idle thoughts, depart!
Roam not my soul abroad!
For now I build within my heart
A temple to my God.

9 Should this night prove the last for me
In this dark vale of tears,
Then lead me, Lord, in heaven to Thee
And my elect compeers.

10 And thus I live and die to Thee,
Thou Sabaoth strong, indeed!

In life and death Thou helpest me
From every fear and need.

304 8,7,8,7,7,7,8,8.

SINK not yet, my soul, to slumber,
Wake, my heart, go forth and tell
All the mercies without number
That this by-gone day befell;
Tell how God hath kept afar
All things that against me war,
Hath upheld me and defended,
And His grace my soul befriended.

2 Father, merciful and holy,
Thee to-night I praise and bless,
Who to labor true and lowly,
Grantest ever meet success;
Many a sin and many a woe,
Many a fierce and subtle foe
Hast Thou checked that once alarmed me,
So that naught to-day has harmed me.

3 Yes, our wisdom vainly ponders,
Fathoms not Thy loving thought.
Never tongue can tell the wonders
That Thy hand for me hath wrought:
Thou hast guided me to-day,
That no ill hath crossed my way;
There is neither bound nor measure
In Thy love's o'erflowing treasure.

4 Now the light, that nature gladdens,
And the pomp of day is gone,
And my heart is tired and saddens,
As the gloomy night comes on;
Ah, then with Thy changeless light
Warm and cheer my heart to-night;
As the shadows round me gather,
Keep me close to Thee, my Father.

5 Of Thy grace, I pray Thee, pardon
All my sins, and heal their smart;
Sore and heavy is their burden,
Sharp their sting within my heart;
And my Foe lays many a snare
But to tempt me to despair;
Thou alone canst help me, Saviour,
Punish not my ill behaviour.

6 Though I have from Thee departed,
Now I seek Thy face again,
For Thy Son, the loving-hearted,
Made our peace through bitter pain.
Yes, far greater than our sin,
Though it still be strong within,
Is Thy love that fails us never,
Mercy that endures forever.

7 Brightness of th' eternal city!
Light of every faithful soul!
Safe beneath Thy sheltering pity
Let the tempests past me roll;
Now it darkens far and near,
Still, my God, still be Thou here;
Thou canst comfort, and Thou only,
When the night is long and lonely.

8 From the power of darkness save me,
And from Satan's hellish snares,
Who endeavors to enslave me,
And assails me unawares;
Let me never lose the sight
Of Thy good and gracious light;
Thou canst fill my heart with gladness,
That it feel no pain in sadness.

9 Though my weary eyes are closing,
And my senses fall asleep,
Still my soul, on Thee reposing,
Ever must its vigils keep.
Let my spirit longingly
Always dream, my God, of Thee,
Firmly unto Thee e'er cleaving,
E'en in sleep Thy grace receiving.

10 Lord, the twilight now hath vanished,
Send Thy blessing on my sleep,
Every sin and terror banished,
Let my rest be calm and deep.
Soul and body, mind and health,
Wife and children, house and wealth,
Friend and foe, the sick, the stranger,
Keep Thou safe from harm and danger.

11 O Thou mighty God, now hearken
To the prayer Thy child hath made;
Jesus, while the night-hours darken,
Be Thou still my Hope, my Aid;
Holy Ghost, on Thee I call,
Friend and Comforter of all,
Hear my earnest prayer, O hear me!
Lord, Thou hearest, Thou art near me.

305 L. M.

SUN of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near!
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes

2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
Forever on my Saviour's breast.

3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.

4 If some poor wandering child of Thine
Has spurned to-day the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin:
Let him no more lie down in sin.

5 Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from Thy boundless store;
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take;
And lead us by Thy hand of love,
Until we reach our home above.

306 S. M.

THE day is past and gone,
The evening shades appear;
O may I ever keep in mind
The night of death draws near.

2 Lord, keep me safe this night,
Secure from all my fears:
May angels guard me while I sleep,
Till morning light appears.

3 And when I early rise,
And view the unwearied sun,
May I set out to win the prize,
And after glory run:

4 That when my days are past,
And I from time remove,
Lord, I may in Thy bosom rest,
The bosom of Thy love.

307 L. M

THE happy sunshine now is gone,
The gloomy night comes swiftly on;
But shine Thou still, O Christ, our Light,
Nor let us lose ourselves in night.

2 We thank Thee, that throughout the day
Thy angels watched around our way,
And free from harm and vexing fear
Have led us on in safety here.

3 Whate'er of wrong we've done or said,
Let not the charge on us be laid;
That, through Thy free forgiveness blest,
In peaceful slumber we may rest.

4 Thy guardian angels round us place,
All evil from our couch to chase;
Our soul and body, while we sleep,
In safety, gracious Father, keep.

308 8,7,7,

THROUGH the day Thy love hath spared us,
Now we lay us down to rest;
Through the silent watches guard us,
Let no foe our peace molest:
Jesus, Thou our Guardian be;
Sweet it is to trust in Thee.

2 Pilgrims here on earth, and strangers,
Dwelling in the midst of foes,
Us and ours preserve from dangers:
In Thine arms may we repose;
And when life's sad day is past,
Rest with Thee in heaven at last,

309 L. M.

THUS far the Lord has led me on,
Thus far His power prolongs my days;
And every evening shall make known
Some fresh memorial of His grace.

2 Much of my time has run to waste,
And I, perhaps, am near my home;
But He forgives my follies past,
And gives me strength for days to come.

3 I lay my body down to sleep;
Peace is the pillow for my head:
His ever-watchful eye will keep
Its constant guard around my bed.

4 Faith in Thy name forbids my fear;
O may Thy presence ne'er depart!
And in the morning may I bear
Thy loving-kindness on my heart!

XXI. PRAISE.

310 L. M

AWAKE, my soul, in joyful lays,
And sing Thy great Redeemer's praise,
He justly claims a song from me—
His loving-kindness O how free!

2 He saw me ruined in the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all,
He saved me from my lost estate—
His loving-kindness, O how great!

3 When I was Satan's easy prey,
And deep in debt and bondage lay,
He paid His life for my discharge—
His loving-kindness, O how large!

4 Though numerous hosts of mighty foes,
Though earth and hell my way oppose,
He safely leads my soul along—
His loving kindness, O how strong!

5 When trouble, like a gloomy cloud,
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has always stood—
His loving-kindness, O how good!

6 When earthly friends forsake me quite,
And I have neither skill nor might,
He's sure my Helper to appear—
His loving-kindness, O how near!

7 Often I feel my sinful heart
Prone from my Jesus to depart;
But though I have Him oft forgot
His loving-kindness changes not.

8 When I shall pass death's gloomy vale,
And all my mortal power must fail;
O may my last expiring breath
His loving kindness sing in death!

9 Then shall I mount and soar away
To the bright world of endless day;
And sing, with rapture and surprise,
His loving kindness in the skies.

311 L.M.

BEFORE Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy.

2 His sovreign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to His fold again.

3 We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame:
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

4 We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs
High as the heavens our voices raise:
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

5 Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move

312 7s.

COME, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of Harvest-home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of Harvest-home!

2 We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest! grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;

Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Come, Thou Lord of harvest, come
To Thy final Harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious Harvest-home!

313 L.M.

FROM all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

3 Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring;
In songs of praise divinely sing;
The great salvation loud proclaim,
And shout for joy the Saviour's name.

4 In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

314 L.M.

GIVE to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all His ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong;
Repeat His mercies in your song.

2 Give to the Lord of lords renown,
The King of kings with glory crown,
His mercies ever shall endure,
When lords and kings are known no more.

3 He built the earth; he spread the sky;
And fixed the starry lights on high.
Wonders of grace to God belong:
Repeat His mercies in your song.

4 He fills the sun with morning light;
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.

5 He sent His Son with power to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave;
Wonders of grace to God belong:
Repeat His mercies in your song.

6 Through this vain world He guides our feet,
And leads us to His heavenly seat.
His mercies ever shall endure,
When this vain world shall be no more.

315 7s.

GOD of mercy, God of grace!
Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend
Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing
Glory to their Lord and King;
At Thy feet their tribute pay,
And Thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man His blessing give;
Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above
One in joy, and light, and love.

316 L.P.M.

I'll praise my Maker whilst I've breath:
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

2 Happy the man whose hopes rely
On Israel's God, who made the sky,
And earth, and seas, with all their train;
His truth forever stands secure;
He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor;
And none shall find His promise vain.

4 The Lord gives eyesight to the blind;
The Lord supports the sinking mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace;
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

5 I'll praise Him while He lends me breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

317 8,7,7,8,7.

I WILL sing my Maker's praises
And in Him most joyful be,
For in all things I see traces
Of His tender love to me.
Nothing else but love could move Him,
With such sweet and tender care
Evermore to raise and bear
All who try to serve and love Him.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

2 As an eagle spreadeth over
Her young brood her sheltering wings,
So the arm of God did cover
Me against affliction's stings.
He who life and being gave me,
Even in my mother's womb,
From the cradle to the tomb
He shall ever guard and save me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

3 Yea, so dear did He esteem me,
That His Son He loved so well
He hath given to redeem me
From the quenchless flames of hell.
O Thou Spring of boundless blessing,
How could e'er my feeble mind
Of Thy depth the bottom find,
Though my efforts were unceasing?
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

4 God His Spirit to instruct me
In His holy Word hath given,
That He safely may conduct me
Through this weary world to heaven.

He my heart's dark chamber filleth
With the clear pure light of faith,
Which destroys the power of death,
Yea, e'en hell itself it stilleth.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

5 All which for my soul is needful
He doth carefully provide,
Nor of that is He unheedful
Which my body needs beside.
When my strength can not avail me,
When my powers can do no more,
Doth my God His strength outpour,
In my need He doth not fail me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

6 All the hosts of earth and heaven
Wheresoe'er I turn mine eye,
For my benefit are given,
That they may my need supply.
All that's living, all that's growing,
On the heights or in the woods,
In the vales or in the floods,
God is for my good bestowing.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

7 When I sleep, He still is near me,
O'er me rests His guardian eye;
And new gifts and blessings cheer me,
When the morning streaks the sky.
Were it not for God's protection,
Had His countenance not been
Here my guide, I had not seen
E'er the end of my affliction.

All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

8 Ah! how often doth the Devil
Cause some great calamity!
But my life from all such evil
Till this moment has been free.
For the angel whom God sendeth,
Wardeth off each threatening hurt,
Every evil doth avert
That mine enemy intendeth.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

9 As a father never turneth
Wholly from a wayward child,
For the prodigal still yearneth,
Longing to be reconciled:
So my many sins and errors
Find a tender pardoning God,
Chastening frailty with His rod,
Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

10 All His strokes and scourges truly
For the moment grievous prove,
And yet, when I weigh them duly,
Are but tokens of His love:
Proofs that He is watching o'er me,
And by crosses to His fold,
From the world that fain would hold
Soul and body, would restore me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

11 On this thought I dwell with pleasure;
For it granteth joy and peace.

Christ's cross hath its time and measure,
And at last will wholly cease.
When the winter disappeareth,
Lovely summer comes again;
Joy is given for woe and pain
Who His cross in patience beareth.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

12 Since, then, neither change nor coldness
In my Father's love can be,
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,
As Thy child I come to Thee.
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,
That I may with all my might,
All my life-time, day and night,
Love and trust Thee, and obey Thee;
And when this brief life is o'er,
Praise and love Thee evermore.

318 Te Deum.

LORD GOD, Thy praise we sing;
Lord God, our thanks we bring;
Father in eternity,
All the world worships Thee.
Angels all and heavenly host
Of Thy glory loudly boast;
Both Cherubim and Seraphim
Sing ever with loud voice this hymn:
Holy art Thou, our God!
Holy art Thou, our God!
(B. Ch.) Holy art Thou, our God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Thy majesty and Godly might
Fill all the earth and realms of light.
The twelve Apostles join in song

With the dear Prophets' goodly throng.
The martyr's noble army raise
Their voice to Thee in hymns of praise.
All Christendom with one accord
Exalt and praise their common Lord—
Thee, Father, on Thy highest throne,
Thy well-beloved only Son,
The Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
They honor, serve, and praise fore'er.
Thee King of glory, Christ, we own
Th' eternal God's eternal Son;
To save mankind Thou hast not, Lord,
The virgin Mary's womb abhorred;
Thou overcamest death's sharp sting,
Believers unto heaven to bring;
At God's right hand Thou sittest clad
In th' glory which the Father had;
Thou shalt in glory come again,
To judge both dead and living men.
Thy servants help whom Thou, O God,
Hast ransomed with Thy precious blood;
Grant that we share the heavenly rest
With Thy dear Saints already blest.
Help us, O Lord, from age to age,
And bless Thy chosen heritage,
Nourish and keep them by Thy power,
And lift them up for evermore.
Daily, Lord God, we'll sing Thy praise,
And bless Thy name throughout our days.
Help us this day and at all times,
From secret sins and open crimes;
For mercy only, God, we plead;
Be merciful to our great need;
Show us Thy mercy, Lord, as we
Our steadfast trust repose in Thee.
In Thee, dear Lord, we put our trust;
O never let our hope be lost!
(B. Ch. Amen.

319 7,8,7,6.

MY Soul, now bless thy Maker!
Let all within me bless His name,
Who maketh thee partaker
Of mercies more than thou dar'st claim!
Forget Him not, whose meekness
Forgiveth all thy sin;
Who healeth all thy weakness,
Renews thy life within;
Whose grace and care are endless,
And saved thee through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless,
But rights the wronged at last!

2 He shows to man His treasure
Of judgment, truth and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit,
But lays His anger by,
The humble, contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
Far as the heavens above us,
As break from close of day,
So far, since He doth love us,
He casts our sins away.

3 For as a tender father
Hath pity on his children here,
He in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made,
We flourish as the flowers,
And even so we fade,
The wind but o'er them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er,—

We wither like the grasses,
Our place knows us no more.

4 His grace alone endureth,
And children's children yet shall prove
How God with strength assureth
The hearts of all that seek His love.
In heaven is fixed His dwelling,
His rule is over all;
Angels in might excelling,
Bright hosts, before Him fall!
Praise Him who ever reigneth,
All ye who hear His Word,
Nor our poor hymns disdaineth;—
My soul, O bless the Lord!

320 S. M.

MY Soul, repeat His praise,
Whose mercies are so great;
Whose anger is so slow to rise,
So ready to abate.

2 God will not always chide;
And, when His wrath is felt,
His strokes are fewer than our crimes,
And lighter than our guilt.

3 High as the heavens are raised
Above the ground we tread,
So far the riches of His grace
Our highest thoughts exceed.

4 His grace subdues our sins;
And His forgiving love,
Far as the east is from the west,
Doth all our guilt remove.

5 The pity of the Lord,
To those who fear His name,
Is such as tender parents feel;
He knows our feeble frame.

6 Our days are as the grass,
Or like the morning flower;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field,
It withers in an hour.

7 But Thy compassions, Lord,
To endless years endure;
And children's children ever find
Thy words of promise sure.

321 6,7,6.

NOW thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all this life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore!

322 S. M.

O BLESS the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join,
And aid my tongue to bless His name,
Whose favors are divine.

2 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness,
And without praises die.

3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals Thy sicknesses,
And gives thee strength again.

4 He crowns thy life with love,
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from death
Hath sovereign power to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest:—
The Lord hath judgments for the proud,
And justice for th' oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known;
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

323 C. M.

O LORD, I sing with mouth and heart,
Joy of my soul to Thee:
To earth Thy knowledge I impart,
As it is known to me.

2 Thou art the Fount of grace, I know,
And Spring so full and free,
Whence saving health and goodness flow
Each day so bounteously.

3 For what have all that live and move
Through this wide world below,
That does not from Thy bounteous love,
O heavenly Father, flow?

4 Who built the lofty firmament?
Who spread th' expanse of blue?
By whom are to our pastures sent
Refreshing rain and dew?

5 Who warmeth us in cold and frost?
Who shields us from the wind?
Who orders it that oil and must
We in their season find?

6 Who is it life and health bestows?
Who keeps us with His hand
In golden peace wards off war's woes
From our dear native land?

7 O Lord, of this and all our store
Thou art the Author blest;
Thou keepest watch before our door,
While we securely rest.

8 Thou feedest us from year to year,
And constant dost abide:

With ready help in time of fear,
Thou standest at our side.

9 With patience dost Thou ever chide,
And chasten'st sparingly;
Thou castest all our sins aside,
And drown'st them in the sea.

10 When silent woe our bosom rends,
Thy pity sees our grief,
And gives what to our glory tends
No less than our relief.

11 Thou knowest when a Christian weeps,
And why his tear-drops fall;
And in the book Thy mercy keeps
These things are noted all.

12 Our deepest needs dost Thou supply,
Thou giv'st what lasts for aye,
Thou lead'st us to our home on high,
When hence we pass away.

13 Cheer up! my heart, rejoice and sing,
A cheerful trust maintain!
For God, the Source of everything,
Thy Portion will remain.

14 He is thy Treasure, He Thy Joy,
Thy Life, and Light and Lord,
Thy Counsellor when doubts annoy,
Thy Shield and great Reward.

15. In restless thought or blank despair,
Why spend each day and night?
On Him who made thee cast thy care;
He makes our burdens light.

16 Did not His love, and truth, and power
Watch o'er thy childhood's day?
Has He not oft in threatening hour,
Turned dreaded ills away?

17 His wisdom never plans in vain,
Ne'er falters or mistakes;
All that His counsels did ordain
A happy ending makes.

18 Upon thy mouth, then, lay thy hand,
And trust His guiding love;
Then firm as rock thy peace shall stand,
Here and in heaven above.

324 9,8,8.

O THAT I had a thousand voices!
A mouth to speak with thousand tongues!
My heart which in the Lord rejoices,
Then would proclaim in grateful songs,
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.

2 O that my voice might high be sounding,
Far as the widely distant poles;
My blood run quick with rapture bounding,
Long as its vital current rolls,
And every pulse thanksgiving raise,
And every breath a hymn of praise!

3 O all ye powers that God implanted,
Arise, keep silence thus no more,
Put forth the strength that He hath granted,
Your noblest work is to adore;
My soul and body make ye meet
With heartfelt praise your Lord to greet!

4 Ye forest leaves so green and tender,
That dance for joy in summer air;
Ye meadow grasses bright and slender,
Ye flowers so wondrous sweet and fair;
Ye live to show His praise alone,
Help me to make His glory known!

5 O all things that have breath and motion
That throng with life earth, sea, and sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion,
Help me to raise His praises high;
My utmost powers can ne'er aright
Declare the wonders of His might.

6 Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body strangely joined;
I praise Thee, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the noble joys I find
So richly spread on every side,
And freely for my use supplied.

7 What equal praises can I offer,
Dear Jesus, for Thy mercy shown?
What pangs, my Saviour didst Thou suffer,
And thus for all my sins atone!
Thy death alone my soul could free
From Satan, to be blest with Thee.

8 Honor and praise, still onward reaching,
Be Thine too, Spirit of all grace;
Whose holy power and faithfnl teaching
Give me among Thy saints a place:
Whate'er of good in me may shine
Comes only from Thy light divine.

9 Who grants abundant gifts to bless me?
Who, but Thyself, O God of love?

Who guards my ways lest fears oppress me?
'Tis Thou, Lord God of hosts, above!
And when my sins Thy wrath provoke,
Thy patience, Lord, forbears the stroke.

10 I kiss the rod, too, unrepining,
When God His chastening makes me feel,
My graces call for His refining,
The trial works no lasting ill:
It purifies and makes it known
That He regards me as a son.

11 In life I often have discovered,
With gratitude and glad surprise,
When clouds of sorrows o'er me hovered,
God sent from them my best supplies:
In troubles He is ever near,
And shows me all a Father's care.

12 Why not, then, with a faith unbounded,
Forever in His love confide?
Why not, with earthly griefs surrounded,
Rejoicing still in hope abide?
Until I reach that blissful home
Where doubt and sorrow never come?

13 No more low vanities regarding,
To Thee, in whom I find my rest,
I cry—my inmost soul according,—
"My God, Thou art the highest, best;
Strength, honor, praise, and thanks, and power
Be Thine, both now and evermore!"

14 Lord, I will tell, while I am living,
Thy goodness forth with every breath,
And greet each morning with thanksgiving,
Until my heart is still in death,

Yea, when at last my lips grow cold,
Thy praise shall in my sighs be told.

15 O Father, deign Thou, I beseech Thee,
To listen to my earthly lays;
A nobler strain in heaven shall reach Thee,
When I with angels hymn Thy praise,
And learn amid their choirs to sing
Loud hallelujahs to my King.

325 7s.

PRAISE, O praise our God and King!
Hymns of adoration sing:
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Praise Him that He made the sun
Day by day his course to run;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

3 And the silver moon by night,
Shining with her gentle light;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4 Praise Him that He gave the rain
To mature the swelling grain:
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5 And hath bid the fruitful field
Crops of precious increase yield;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6 Praise Him for our harvest store,
He hath filled the garner floor:
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7 And for richer food than this,
Pledge of everlasting bliss:
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

8 Glory to our bounteous King,
Glory let creation sing;
Glory to the Father, Son,
And the Spirit, Three in One!

326 14,14,4,7,8.

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health
and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth,
sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully,
wondrously made thee;
Health hath vouchsafed, and when heedlessly
falling hath stayed thee;
What need or grief
Ever hath failed of relief?—
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who doth visibly bless
and defend thee;
Who, from the heavens, the streams of His
mercy doth send thee;
Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him!
He is thy Light;
Soul, keep it always in sight,
Gladly forever adore Him!

327 C.M.

SONGS of immortal praise belong
To my almighty God:
He hath my heart, and he my tongue,
To spread His name abroad.

2 How great the works His hand hath wrought!
How glorious in our sight!
And men in every age have sought
His wonders with delight.

3 How most exact is nature's frame!
How wise th' eternal Mind!
His counsels never change the scheme
That His first thoughts designed.

4 When He redeemed the sons of men,
He fixed His covenant sure;
The orders that His lips pronounce
To endless years endure.

5 Nature and time and earth and skies
Thy heavenly skill proclaim.
What shall we do to make us wise,
But learn to read Thy name!

6 To fear Thy power, to trust Thy grace,
Is our divinest skill;
And He's the wisest of our race,
Who best obeys Thy will.

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SONGS of praise the angels sang,
Heaven with hallelujahs rang,
When Jehovah's work begun,
When He spake, and it was done.

2 Songs of praise awoke the morn,
When the Prince of peace was born;
Songs of praise arose when He
Captive led captivity.

3 Heaven and earth must pass away;
Songs of praise shall crown that day:
God will make new heavens and earth;
Songs of praise shall hail their birth.

4 And shall man alone be dumb,
Till that glorious kingdom come?
No;—the Church delights to raise
Psalms, and hymns, and songs of praise.

5 Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice;
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,
Songs of praise shall conquer death;
Then amidst eternal joy
Songs of praise their powers employ.

329 L.M.

THEE we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.

2 To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heavens and all the power on high;
Thee, "Holy, Holy, Holy King,
Lord God of hosts!" they ever sing.

3 Th' Apostles join the glorious throng:
The Prophets swell the immortal song;
Thy Martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.

4 From day to day, O Lord, do we
Highly exalt and honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore!

5 Vouchsafe, O Lord, we humbly pray,
To keep us safe from sin this day;
Have mercy, Lord! we trust in Thee;
O let us ne'er confounded be!

330 C.M.

THROUGH all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2 Of His deliverance I will boast,
Till all that are distrest
From my example comfort take,
And charm their griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His name!
When in distress on Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

4 The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just:
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succor trust.

5 O make but trial of His love:
Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.

6 Fear Him, ye Christians, you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care.

331 C.M.

TO GOD be glory, peace on earth,
To all mankind good will!
We bless, we praise, we worship Thee,
And glorify Thee still,

2 And thanks for Thy great glory give,
That fills our soul with light;
O Lord, our heavenly King, the God
And Father of all might!

3 And Thou, begotten Son of God,
Before all time begun;
O Jesus Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
The Father's only Son:

4 Have mercy, Thou that tak'st the sins
Of all the world away!
Have mercy, Saviour of mankind,
And hear us when we pray!

5 O Thou, who sitt'st at God's right hand
Upon the Father's throne,
Have mercy on us, Thou O Christ,
Who art the Holy One!

6 Thou only, with the Holy Ghost,
  Whom earth and heaven adore,
In glory of the Father art
  Most high forevermore.

332 Iambic. 8,7.

TO God, the Father of all love,
  The God of earth and heaven,
The mighty God who reigns above,
  Be praise and glory given!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
And every pain and sorrow stills:
  To God all praise and glory!

2 The angel host, O King of kings,
  Thy praise forever telling,
In earth and sky all living things
  Beneath Thy shadow dwelling,
Adore and praise their Maker's might,
Whose wisdom orders all things right;
  To God all praise and glory!

3 What God's almighty power hath made,
  His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
  His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo! all is just and all is right;
  To God all praise and glory!

4 I cried to God in my distress,
  His mercy heard me calling;
My Saviour saw my helplessness,
  And kept my feet from falling;
For this, Lord, praise and thanks to Thee!
Praise God most high, praise God with me!
  To God all praise and glory!

5 The Lord forsaketh not His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock,
Their Peace and their Salvation,
And with a mother's watchful love
He guides them wheresoe'er they rove;
To God all praise and glory!

6 When earth can comfort us no more,
Nor human help availeth,
The Maker comes Himself, whose store
Of blessing never faileth,
And bends on them a Father's eyes
Whom earth all rest and hope denies;
To God all praise and glory!

7 Thus all my pilgrim way along
I'll sing aloud Thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body, bear your part!
To God all praise and glory!

8 Ye who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod,
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

9 Then come before His presence now,
And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow,
And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell,
The Lord my God did all things well;
To God all praise and glory!

333 C. M.

WE sing th' almighty power of God,
Who bade the mountains rise,
Who spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.

2 We sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day,
The moon shines, too, at His command,
And all the stars obey.

3 We sing the goodness of the Lord,
Who fills the earth with food;
Who formed His creatures by a word,
And then pronounced them good.

4 Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er we turn our eyes,
Whether we view the ground we tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

5 There's not a plant nor flower below,
But makes Thy glories known:
And clouds arise and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne.

6 On Thee each moment we depend:
If Thou withdraw we die.
O may we ne'er that God offend,
Who is forever nigh!

334 C. M.

WHEN all Thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love, and praise.

2 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;

Nor is the least a cheerful heart
That tastes those gifts with joy.

3 Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue;
And after death, in distant worlds,
The glorious theme renew.

4 When nature fails, and day and night
Divide Thy works no more,
My ever grateful heart, O Lord,
Thy mercy shall adore.

5 Through all eternity to Thee
A joyful song I'll raise:
But oh! eternity's too short
To utter all Thy praise.

XXII. CROSS AND COMFORT.

335 L. M.

AH! GOD, my days are dark indeed,
How oft this aching heart must bleed;
The narrow way,—how filled with pain,
That I must pass, ere heaven I gain!

2 How hard to teach this flesh and blood
To seek alone th' eternal God!
Ah! whither now for comfort turn?
For Thee, my Jesus, do I yearn.

3 In Thee have I, howe'er distressed,
Found ever counsel, aid, and rest!
I can not all forsaken be,
While still my heart can trust in Thee.

4 Thine office and Thy person show
That Thou great miracles canst do:

Miraculous was, Lord, Thy birth
When Thou wert born a child on earth;

5 And by Thy death Thou mak'st me free
So strangely from all misery.
Jesus, my only God and Lord,
What sweetness in Thy name is stored!

6 No grief can ever be so sore,
But Thy sweet name can cheer me more;
So keen no sorrow's rankling dart,
But Thy sweet name can heal my heart.

7 Although my flesh and heart may fail,
I'll heed it not, I shall not quail;
My Saviour, if I have but Thee,
I shall be blest eternally.

8 With heart and soul I'm Thine fore'er;
Sin, death, and health I need not fear.
The world can show no truth like Thine,
And therefore will I not repine.

9 I know Thou wilt forsake me not,
Thy truth is fixed, though dark my lot,
Thou art my Shepherd, and Thy sheep
From harm forever Thou wilt keep.

10 Jesus, my Boast, my Light, my Joy,
The Treasure naught can e'er destroy,
No words, no song that I can frame
Speak half the sweetness of Thy name.

11 They only all its power shall prove
Whose hearts have learnt Thy faith and love;
How many a time I've sadly said,
Far better were it I were dead;

12 Far better ne'er the light to see
If I had not this joy in Thee;
For he who hath not Thee in faith,
His very life is merely death.

13 Jesus, my Bridegroom and my Crown,
If Thou but smile, the world may frown:
In Thee lie depths of joy untold,
Far richer than her richest gold.

14 Whene'er I do but think of Thee,
Thy dews drop down and solace me;
Whene'er I hope in Thee, my Friend,
Thy comfort and Thy peace descend.

15 Where'er in grief I pray and sing,
I feel new courage in me spring;
Thy Spirit witnesses that this
Is fortaste of th' eternal bliss.

16 Therefore, while life remains in me,
I'll bear Thy cross and follow Thee.
Grant me a patient, willing mood;
I know that it shall work my good.

17 Help me to do my task aright,
That it may stand before Thy sight;
Let me this flesh and blood control,
From sin and shame preserve my soul.

18 O keep me steadfast in the faith,
Then I am Thine in life and death;
Jesus, my Comfort, bend to me,
Ah, would I were e'en now with Thee!

336 11,5.

AH! LORD our God, let them not be confounded
Who, though by want, and woe, and pain surrounded,

Yet day and night still for Thy hope are sighing,
To Thee are crying.

2 But put to shame Thy foes, who breathe defiance,
And make their own vain might their sole reliance;
O turn in mercy to Thy generation,
Lord have compassion!

3 Against our foes some succor quickly send us;
If Thou but speak the word, they shall not end us,
But change to friends, lay down their arms forever,
And rally never.

4 We stand bereft of help, and poor and lonely.
'Twere vain to trust in man;—with Thee, Lord, only
We may defeat the enemies around us
Who seek to wound us.

5 Thou art our Champion who canst overthrow them,
And save the little flock now crushed below them,
We trust in Thee; for Jesus' sake be near us!
Help, Helper hear us!

337 C. M.

AND let this feeble body fail,
And let it faint or die;
My soul shall quit the mournful vale
And soar to worlds on high:
Shall join the disembodied saints
And find its long sought rest,
That only bliss for which it pants,
In my Redeemer's breast.

2 In hope of that immortal crown
  I now the cross sustain,
And gladly wander up and down,
  And smile at toil and pain:
I suffer on my threescore years
  Till my Deliverer come,
And wipe away His servant's tears,
  And take His exile home.

3 O what hath Jesus bought for me!
  Before my ravished eyes
Rivers of life divine I see,
  And trees of paradise!
I see a world of spirits bright
  Who reap the pleasures there;
They all are robed in spotless white,
  And conquering palms they bear.

4 O what are all my sufferings here,
  If, Lord, Thou count me meet,
With that enraptured host t' appear,
  And worship at Thy feet!
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,
  Take life or friends away;
But let me find them all again
  In that eternal day.

338 S. M.

BELOVED, "It is well!"
  God's ways are always right;
And perfect love is o'er them all,
  Though far above our sight.

2 Beloved "It is well!"
  Though deep and sore the smart,
The hand that wounds knows how to bind
  And heal the broken heart.

3 Beloved, "It is well!"
  Though sorrow clouds our way,
'T will only make the joy more dear
  That ushers in the day.

4 Beloved, "It is well!"
  The path that Jesus trod,
Though rough and straight and dark it be,
  Leads home to heaven and God.

339 · 7,6. 8l.

COMMIT whatever grieves thee
  At heart, and all thy ways,
To Him who never leaves thee,
  On whom creation stays.
Who freest courses maketh
  For clouds, and air, and wind,
And who care ever taketh
  A path for thee to find.

2. The Lord thou must repose on
  If thou wouldst prosper sure,
His work must ever gaze on
  If thine is to endure.
By anxious care and grieving,
  By self-consuming pain,
God is not moved to giving;
  By prayer must thou obtain.

3 Thy grace that ever floweth,
  O Father! what is good,
Or evil, ever knoweth,
  To mortal flesh and blood.
What to Thine eye all-seeing,
  And to Thy counsel wise
Seems good, doth into being,
  O mighty Prince arise!

4 For means it fails Thee never,
  Thou always findst a way,
Thy doing's blessing ever,
  Thy path like brightest day.
Thy work can no one hinder,
  Thy labor cannot rest,
If Thou design'st Thy tender
  Children should all be blessed.

5 Though all the power of evil
  Should rise up to resist,
Without a doubt or cavil
  God never will desist;
His undertakings ever
  At length He carries through;
What He designs He never
  Can fail at all to do.

6 Hope on, thou heart, grief-riven,
  Hope, and courageous be,
Where anguish thee had driven
  Thou shalt deliverance see.
God, from Thy pit of sadness
  Shall raise thee graciously;
Wait and the sun of gladness
  Thine eyes shall early see.

7 Up! up! to pain and anguish
  A long good night now say;
Drive all that makes thee languish
  In grief and woe away.
Thine 'tis not to endeavor
  The ruler's part to play,
God sits as ruler ever,
  Guides all things well each day.

8 Let Him alone—and tarry,
  He is a Prince all-wise,

He shall Himself so carry,
'Twill strange seem in thine eyes,
When He, as Him beseemeth,
In wonderful decree,
Shall as Himself good deemeth,
O'errule what grieveth thee.

9 He may, awhile still staying,
His comforts keep from thee
And, on His part delaying,
Seem to have utterly
Forgotten and forsaken
And put thee out of mind,
Though thou'rt by grief o'ertaken,
No time for thee to find.

10 But if thou never shrinkest,
And true dost still remain,
He'll come when least thou thinkest,
And set thee free again,
Thee from the load deliver,
That burdeneth thy heart,
That thou hast carried never
For any evil part.

11 Hail! child of faith, who gainest
The victory alway,
Who honor's crown obtainest,
That never fades away.
God in thy hand will give thee
One day the glorious palm;
Who ne'er in grief did leave thee,
To Him thou'llt sing thy psalm.

12 O Lord, no longer lengthen
Our time of misery,
Our hands and feet to strengthen
And until death may we

By Thee be watched and cared for,
In faithfulness and love,
So come we where prepared for
Us is our blessed abode.

340 C. M.

DEAR Refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise,
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.

2 To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel.

3 Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face?
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace
Be deaf when I complain?

4 No, still the ear of sovereign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer;
O may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there!

341 7,6,6,7,7,6.

FROM God shall naught divide me,
For He is true for aye,
And on my path will guide me,
Who else should often stray;
His ever-bounteous hand
By night and day is heedful,
And gives me what is needful,
Where'er I go or stand.

2 When man's help and affection
  Shall unavailing prove,
God grants me His protection,
  And proves His power and love;
He helps me in my need,
  Delivers me from evil,
  From sin, and death, and Devil,
He is my Friend indeed.

3 If sorrow comes, He sent it,
  In Him I put my trust;
I never shall repent it,
  For He is true and just,
  And endeth every ill;
My life and soul I render
To God, my strong Defender,
  Let Him do as He will.

4 Whate'er shall be His pleasure
  Is surely best for me;
He gave His dearest Treasure,
  That our weak hearts may see
How good His will toward us;
  And in His Son He gave us
  Whate'er could bless and save us;
Praise Him who loveth thus!

5 O praise Him, for He never
  Forgets our daily need;
O blest the hour whenever
  Our thoughts to Him can speed;
Yea, all the time we spend
  Without Him is but wasted,
  Till we His joy have tasted,
The joy that hath no end.

6 The world away is passing
  With all its pomp and pride,

All we have been amassing
No longer may abide:
But in our earthly bed,
When safely we are sleeping,
God hath us in His keeping,
To wake us from the dead.

7 Our soul shall never perish,
But in yon paradise
The joys of heaven shall cherish;
Our body shall arise
Pure, holy, new-born, free
From every sin and evil;
The tempting of the Devil
We then no more shall see.

8 Then, though on earth I suffer
Much trial, well I know
I merit ways still rougher,
And 'tis to heaven I go:
For Christ I know and love,
To Him I now am hasting,
And gladness everlasting
With Him my heart shall prove.

9 Such is His will that made us,
The Father seeks our good;
The Son hath grace to rid us,
Who saved us by His blood;
His Spirit rules our ways,
Through faith in our abiding,
To heaven our footsteps guiding;
To Him be thanks and praise!

342 8,7.

GOD is love His mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss He wakes, and woe He lightens;
God is wisdom, God is love.

2 Chance and change are busy ever,
  Man decays, and ages move:
But His mercy waneth never;
  God is wisdom, God is love.

3 E'en the hour that darkest seemeth
  Will His changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom His brightness streameth;
  God is wisdom, God is love.

4 He with earthly cares entwineth
  Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere His glory shineth;
  God is wisdom, God is love.

343 4,7,8.

GOD liveth still!
  Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
God is good; from His compassion
  Earthly help and comfort flow;
Strong is His right hand to fashion
  All things well for man below:
Trial, oft the most distressing,
In the end has proved a blessing.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer,

2 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
He who gave the eye its vision,
  Shall He slumber once or sleep?
He who gave the ear its mission,
  Hears He not His children weep?
God is God; His ear attendeth
When the sigh our bosom rendeth.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

3 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
He who gives the clouds their measure,
Stretching out the heavens alone;
He who stores the earth with treasure,
Is not far from every one.
God in the hour of need defendeth
Him whose heart in love ascendeth.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

4 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
Is thy cross too great and pond'rous,
Cast on Him thy grievous load;
God is great, His love is wondrous,
He will speed thee on the road.
For His truth endureth ever,
And His mercy ceaseth never.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

5 God liveth still
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
Is the yoke of sin too galling?
Christ Himself has set thee free,
Borne for thee their weight appalling
Cast them in oblivion's sea!
In thy deepest grief and sadness
He can grant thee joy and gladness.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

6 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
When the world would let thee perish
Pathless all thy tangled way,

God the nearer draws, to cherish
  Him who makes the Lord his Stay.
Children oft that most He loveth
Thus with strictest rod He proveth.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

7 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
Heaven's huge vault may cleave asunder,
  Earth's round globe in ruins burst;
Satan's fellest rage may thunder,
  Death and hell may spend their worst;
Then will God keep safe and surely
Those who trust in Him securely.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

8 God liveth still!
Soul, despair not, fear no ill!
Be thy life, until its ending,
  Full of thorns, of grief or need,
God, in love the trial sending,
  Thus His child would heavenwards lead.
For this life's long night of sadness
He will give thee peace and gladness.
Wherefore, then, my soul, despair?
God still lives, who heareth prayer.

344 C. M.

GOD moves in a mysterious way,
  His wonders to perform:
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
  And rides upon the storm.

2 Deep in unfathomable mines
  Of never-failing skill,

He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take:
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.

5 His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour,
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

6 Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain:
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

345 L. M

GOD of my life, to Thee I call!
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water-floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

2 Friend of the friendless and the faint!
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor?

3 Did ever mourner plead with Thee,
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea?
Does not the word still fixed remain,
That none shall seek Thy face in vain?

4 That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer-hearing, answering God,
Supports me under every load.

5 Fair is the lot that's cast for me;
I have an Advocate with Thee;
They whom the world caresses most
Have no such privilege to boast.

6 Poor though I be, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.

346 L. M.

HELP, Helper, help in fear and need,
Have mercy, to my prayer give heed!
I know Thou lov'st me still as Thine,
Though 'gainst me world and hell combine.

2 My God and Lord, I trust in Thee!
What need I, if Thou art with me?
And Thou, Lord Jesus Christ, art mine;
My God and Saviour, I am Thine.

3 Therefore my happiness is great,
I am content, for Thee I wait,
Trust wholly in Thy name, and then
I pray: Help, Helper, help! Amen.

347 8,7,8,7,7,7,8,8.

LET not such a thought e'er pain thee
As that thou art cast away,
But within God's Word restrain thee,
That far otherwise doth say.
E'en though thou unrighteous art,
True and faithful is God's heart.

Hast thou death deserved forever?
God's appeased, despond thou never!

2 Thou art, as is every other,
Tainted by the poison sin,
That the Serpent, and our father
Adam, by the fall, brought in.
But if thou God's voice dost hear,
"Turn to me, do good," ne'er fear,
Be of good cheer, He thy yearning
Will regard, thy prayer ne'er spurning.

3 He is not a bear or lion
Thirsting only for thy blood,
Faithful is thy God in Zion,
Gentle ever is His mood.
God aye as a Father feels,
He's afflicted by our ills,
Our misfortune sorrow gives Him,
And our dying ever grieves Him.

4 "Truly," saith He, "as I'm living,
I the death of none desire,
But that men themselves upgiving,
May be rescued from sin's mire."
When a prodigal returns,
God's heart then with rapture burns,
Wills that not the least one even
Ever from his flock be driven.

5 Shepherd was so faithful never,
Seeking sheep that go astray;
Couldest thou God's heart see ever
How He cares for them alway,
How it thirsts and sighs and burns,
After him who from Him turns,
From His people's midst dost wander,
Love would make thee weep and ponder.

6 God the good not only loveth
  Who in His house ever dwell,
But His heart compassion moveth
  Tow'rds those whom the Prince of hell
Hath enslaved, the cruel foe,
Who men's hearts with hate to glow
  Makes 'gainst Him, who when he ever
  Moves His foot, can make earth quiver.

7 Deep His love is and enduring,
  His desire is ever great,
He is calling and alluring
  Us to enter heaven's wide gate.
When they come, whoe'er they be,
Seeking now that liberty
  From the Devil's fangs be given,
  Glad are all the hosts of heaven.

8 God and all on high who're dwelling
  'Fore whom heaven must hush its voice,
When their Maker's praise forth telling,
  O'er our penitence rejoice;
But what has been done amiss
Covered now and buried is,
  All offence to Him we've given,
  All, yea all, is now forgiven.

9 From no lake so much is gushing,
  No depth is so deep at all,
With such force no stream is rushing,
  All compared with God is small;
Naught is like His grace so great,
That remits our mighty debt,
  That He ever throweth over
  All our lives e'en as a cover.

10 Soul, why art thou sad and dreary?
  Rest now and contented be!

Why wilt thou thyself so weary
When there is no need for thee?
Though thy sins appear to thee
Like a vast and shoreless sea,
If thou with God's heart compare them,
'Twill a trifle seem to bear them.

11 Could we myriad worlds discover
All sunk in apostacy,
Had the sins there o'er and over
Every one been done by thee,
Oh! still they were less by far
Than the light of grace so clear
Could on earth extinguish ever,
God from greater could deliver.

12 Of such wondrous love and favor
Open wide the door to me;
Everywhere and aye, my Saviour,
Tasted be thy grace by me.
Love me, Lord! and let me be
Nearer ever drawn to Thee,
That I may embrace and love Thee,
Never more to anger move Thee.

348 9,8,8

I LEAVE all things to God's direction,
He loveth me in weal and woe;
His will is good, true His affection,
With tender love his heart doth glow.
My Fortress and my Rock is He:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

2 My God hath all things in His keeping,
He is the ever faithful Friend,
He grants me laughter after weeping,
And all His ways in blessings end.
His love endures eternally:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

3 The will of God shall be my pleasure,
While here on earth is mine abode;
My will is wrong beyond all measure,
It doth not will what pleaseth God.
The Christian's maxim e'er must be:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

4 God knows what must be done to save me,
His love for me will never cease,
For He upon His palms did grave me
With purest gold of loving grace.
Avaunt, my own will, off with thee!
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

5 My God desires the soul's salvation,
Me also He desires to save;
Therefore, with Christian resignation,
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

349 7,6.

IF God Himself be for me,
I may a host defy,
For when I pray, before me
My foes confounded fly.
If Christ, my Head and Master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from His love?

2 This I believe—yea, rather,
Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father,
The Friend who loves me most;
And that, whate'er betide me,
My Saviour is at hand,
Through stormy seas to guide me,
And bring me safe to land.

3 I build on this foundation,
That Jesus and His blood
Alone are my salvation,
The true, eternal good;
Without Him, all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I owe to Jesus
Alone my love are worth.

4 My Jesus is my Splendor,
My soul's bright-beaming Sun;
Were He not my Defender
Before God's awful throne,
I never should find favor
And mercy in His sight,
But be destroyed forever,
As darkness by the light.

5 He canceled my offences,
And saved my soul from death;
'Tis He who ever cleanses
Me from my sins through faith.
In Him I can be cheerful,
Bold, and undaunted aye:
In Him I am not fearful,
Of God's great judgment-day.

6 Naught, naught can e'er condemn me,
Nor set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me,
Its fury I deride.
No sentence e'er reproves me,
No ill destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Saviour, loves me
And screens me with His grace.

7 His Spirit in me dwelleth
And o'er my mind He reigns.

All sorrow He dispelleth
  And soothes away all pains.
He crowns His work with blessing,
  And helpeth me to cry
"My Father!" without ceasing,
  To Him who dwells on high.

8 And when my spirit flutters
  In weakness and despair,
Then words and sighs He utters
  Of more than mortal prayer;
And God forthwith discerns them,
  Although they give no sound,
And into language turns them,
  E'en in the heart's deep ground.

9 To mine His Spirit speaketh
  Sweet words of holy cheer,
How God, to Him that seeketh
  For rest, is always near,
And how He hath erected
  A city fair and new,
Where what our faith expected
  We evermore shall view.

10 In yonder home doth flourish
  My heritage, my lot,
Though here I die and perish,
  My heaven shall fail me not.
Though care my life oft saddens
  And causeth tears to flow,
The light of Jesus gladdens
  And sweetens every woe.

11 Who clings with resolution
  To Him whom Satan hates,
Must look for persecution;
  For him the burden waits

Of mockery, shame, and losses,
  Heaped on his guiltless head,
A thousand plagues and crosses
  Shall be his daily bread.

12 All this I am prepared for,
  Yet am I not afaid;
By Thee shall all be cared for,
  To whom my vows were paid.
Though life and limb it cost me
  And everything I have,
Unshaken shall I trust Thee,
  Thee never shall I leave.

13 Though earth be rent asunder,
  Thou'rt mine eternally;
Not fire, nor sword, nor thunder,
  Shall sever me from Thee;
Not hunger, thirst, nor danger,
  Not pain nor poverty,
Nor mighty princes' anger,
  Shall ever hinder me.

14 No angel, and no gladness,
  No throne, nor pomp, nor show,
No love, no hate, no sadness,
  No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheme of man's contrivance,
  However small or great,
Shall draw me from Thy guidance,
  Nor from Thee separate.

15 My heart for joy is springing,
  And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of mirth and singing,
  Sees naught but sunshine glad:
The Sun that cheers my spirit
  Is Jesus Christ my King,
That which I shall inherit
  Hereafter, makes me sing.

350 9,8,8.

IF Thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the Rock that naught can move.

2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help, if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
Thee heavier for our bitterness.

3 Only be still and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope with heart content,
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all discerning love hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

4 He knows the time for joy, and truly,
Will send it when He sees it meet;
When He has tried and purged thee duly
And finds thee free from all deceit,
He comes to thee all unaware,
And makes thee own His loving care.

5 Nor think amid the heat of trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard;
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred;
Time passes and much change doth bring,
And sets a bound to everything.

6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy to our God, we know,

To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
  To make the rich man poor and low;
True wanderers still by Him are wrought,
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
  So do thine own part faithfully,
And trust His word, though undeserving,
  Thou yet shall find it true for thee;
God never will forsake in need
The soul that trusts in Him indeed.

351 6,6,7,7,7,7.

IN GOD, my faithful God,
  I trust when dark my road;
Though many woes o'ertake me,
  Yet He will not forsake me;
His love it is doth send them,
And when 'tis best will end them.

2 My sins assail me sore,
But I despair no more;
I build on Christ who loves me,
From this Rock nothing moves me,
Since I can all surrender
To Him, my soul's Defender.

3 If death my portion be,
Then death is gain to me,
And Christ my life forever,
From whom death cannot sever;
Come when it may, He'll shield me,
To Him I wholly yield me.

4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
Thou once didst die to save us,
Because Thou fain wouldst have us
After this life of sadness
Heirs of Thy heavenly gladness.

5 "So be it," then I say,
With all my heart each day;
We too, dear Lord, adore Thee,
Guide us while here we wander,
Till safely landed yonder,
And sing for joy before Thee.

352 8,8,7,8,7.

IN Thee, Lord, have I put my trust,
Leave me not helpless in the dust,
Let me not be confounded;
Let in Thy Word My faith, O Lord,
Be always firmly grounded.

2 Bow down Thy gracious ear to me,
And hear my prayers, Lord speedily
O grant me Thy protection;
For woes and fear Surround me here
Help me in my affliction.

3 My God and Shield, now let Thy power
Be unto me a mighty tower,
Whence bravely I defend me
Against the foes That round me close;
O Lord, assistancelend me!

4 Thy Word hath said, Thou art my Rock,
The Fortress than can fear no shock,
My Help, my Life, my Treasure;
Howe'er distress And dangers press,
All must perform Thy pleasure.

5 The world for me has falsely set
Full many a secret snare and net,
Dark lies and sore temptations;
Lord hear my prayers, And break these snares
And hellish machinations.

6 With Thee, Lord, would I cast my lot;
My God, my God, forsake me not,
For, Lord, I am commending
My soul to thee; Deliver me
Now and when life is ending.

7 All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We'll run our race,
Till we depart victorious.

353 S. M.

IN weariness and pain,
By sins and fears oppressed,
I turn me to my Rest again,
My soul's eternal Rest.

2 The Lamb that died for me,
And still my load doth bear;
To Jesus' streaming wounds I flee,
And find my quiet there.

3 Jesus, was ever grief,
Was ever love like Thine?
Thy sorrow, Lord, is my relief,
Thy life hath ransomed mine.

4 O may I rise with Thee,
And soar to things above,
And spend a blest eternity
In praise of dying love.

354 L. M.

LORD GOD, who art my Father dear,
I pray in Jesus' name; O hear
What, trusting in His promised word,
I humbly ask of Thee, good Lord.

2 Grant us Thy Word, Thy Spirit give,
That by His grace we godly live,
Give shelter, peace, good friends, and food,
Protect our native land, O God.

3 Save us from sin and Satan's fraud,
Deliver us from evil, God,
Be with us in our dying hour ;
Thine is the kingdom, glory, power.

4 Lord, at Thy word, Amen, I say ;
Increase my feeble faith, I pray.
Thou lead'st me with a father's care,
O let me be Thy child and heir !

355 C. M.

LORD, it belongs not to my care,
Whether I die or live :
To love and serve Thee is my share,
And this Thy grace must give.

2 If life be long, I will be glad
That I may long obey ;
If short, yet why should I be sad
To soar to endless day ?

3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms
Than He went through before :
He that into God's kingdom comes
Must enter by this door.

4 Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet
Thy blessèd face to see ;
For if Thy work on earth is sweet,
What will Thy glory be ?

5 Then shall I end my sad complaints,
And weary sinful days,

And join with the triumphant saints,
That sing Jehovah's praise.

6 My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with Him.

356 S. M.

MY FATHER! cheering name!
O may I call Thee mine!
Give me with humble hope to claim
A portion so divine.

2 Whate'er Thy will denies,
I calmly would resign;
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,
O bend my will to Thine!

3 Whate'er Thy will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
Still let me know a Father reigns,
And trust a Father's care.

4 Thy ways are little known
To my weak, erring sight;
Yet shall my soul, believing, own
That all Thy ways are right.

357 6,4.

NEARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!

2 Though, like the wanderer,
  The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
  My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!

3 There let my way appear
  Steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me,
  In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer, to Thee!

4 Then with my waking thoughts
  Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
  Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!

5 Or if on joyful wing
  Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
  Upwards I fly;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee!

358 C. M.

O THOU, from whom all goodness flows,
  I lift my heart to Thee;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
  Dear Lord, remember me!

2 When on my aching, burdened heart
My sins lie heavily,
My pardon speak, new peace impart;
In love remember me.

3 Temptations sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee;
O give me strength, Lord, as my day
For good remember me!

4 Distrest with pain, disease, and grief,
This feeble body see;
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief;
Hear, and remember me!

5 When in the solemn hour of death
I wait Thy just decree;
Be this the prayer of my last breath,
Good Lord, remember me!

6 And when before Thy throne I stand
And lift my soul to Thee;
Then with the saints at Thy right hand,
Good Lord, remember me!

359 7s.

OFT in sorrow, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the Bread of life.

2 Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not woe your course impede,
Great your help, if great your need.

3 Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March, in heavenly armor clad:

Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon shall tune your song.

4 Onward then to battle move,
More than conquerors you shall prove;
Though begirt with many a foe,
Onward, Christians, onward go!

360 7s.

SEEMS it in my anguish lone,
As though God forsook His own,
Yet I hold the knowledge fast,
God will surely help at last.

2 Though awhile it be delayed,
He denieth not His aid;
Though it come not oft with speed,
It will surely come at need.

3 As a father not too soon
Grants his child the longed-for boon,
So our God gives when He will;
Wait His pleasure and be still.

4 I can rest in thoughts of Him,
When all courage else grows dim,
For I know my soul shall prove
His is more than father's love.

5 Would the powers of ill affright,
I can smile at all their might;
Or the cross be pressing sore,
God, my God, lives evermore!

6 Man may hate me causelessly,
Man may plot to ruin me,
Foes my heart may pierce and rend;
God in heaven is still my Friend.

7 Earth against me may declare,
For her love I do not care;
Though the world bear me a grudge,
God my Father is my Judge.

8 Earth may all her gifts deny,
Safe my treasure is on high;
And if heaven at last be mine,
All things else I can resign.

9 I renounce thee willingly,
World, I hate what pleases thee;
Baneful every gift of thine,
Only be my God still mine.

10 Ah! Lord, if but Thee I have,
Naught of other good I crave,
Bright is even death's dark road,
If but Thou art there, my God!

361 L. M.

THY ways, O Lord! with wise design
Are framed upon Thy throne above,
And every dark and bending line
Meets in the centre of Thy love.

2 With feeble light and half obscure,
Poor mortals Thine arrangements view;
Not knowing that the least are sure,
And the mysterious just and true.

3 Thy flock, Thine own peculiar care,
Though now they seem to roam uneyed;
Are led or driven only where
They best and safest may abide.

4 They neither know nor trace the way;
But whilst they trust Thy guardian eye,

Their feet shall ne'er to ruin stray,
Nor shall the weakest fail or die.

5 My favored soul shall meekly learn
To lay her reason at Thy throne;
Too weak Thy secrets to discern,
I'll trust Thee for my guide alone.

362 8,7. 8l.

WHATE'ER God will, let that be done;
His will is ever wisest;
His grace will all thy hope outrun
Who to that faith arisest.
The gracious Lord Will help afford,
He chastens with forbearing;
Who God believes, And to Him cleaves,
Shall not be left despairing.

2 My God is my sure Confidence,
My Hope and my Existence;
His counsel is beyond my sense,
Yet I'll not make resistance.
His Word declares The very hairs
Upon my head are numbered;
His mercy large Holds me in charge,
With care that never slumbered.

3 The time has come when, at His will,
My life in this world ceases;
I think upon it, and am still,
Let come whate'er He pleases.
To Him I trust My soul, my dust,
When flesh and spirit sever.
The Christ we sing Has plucked the sting
Away from death forever.

4 Yet one thing, Lord, I ask of Thee,
O grant my supplication:

When Satan sorely tempteth me,
Save me from desperation.
O God my Lord, True to Thy Word,
Do Thou my soul deliver!
Who doth believe, He shall receive.
Thy name be praised forever!

363 8,7,7.

WHATEVER God ordains is good!
Holy His will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth,
And follow where He guideth,
He is my God; Though dark my road,
He knoweth how to shield me,
Wherefore to Him I yield me.

2 Whatever God ordains is good!
He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me,
And take content What He hath sent;
His hand that sends my sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 Whatever God ordains is good!
His loving thought attends me;
No poisoned draught the cup can be
That my Physician sends me,
But medicine due; For God is true,
Of doubt, then, I'll divest me,
And on His goodness rest me.

4 Whatever God ordains is good!
My Life, my Light can never
Intend me harm; then, to His care
I give myself forever

In weal or woe; For well I know,
I once shall see quite clearly,
That God did love me dearly.

5 Whatever God ordains is good!
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter to my taste appear,
I take it all unshrinking;
For to my heart God will impart
A timely balm of healing,
And end each painful feeling.

6 Whatever God ordains is good!
Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine;
Yet am I not forsaken;
My Father's care Is round me there,
His arms embrace and shield me;
Then to my God I yield me.

364 L. M.

WHEN in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought:

2 Then this our comfort is alone,
That we may meet before Thy throne,
And cry, O faithful God, to Thee
For rescue from our misery;

3 To Thee may raise our hearts and eyes,
Repenting sore with bitter sighs,
And seek Thy pardon for our sin,
And respite from our griefs within.

4 For Thou hast promised graciously
To hear all those who cry to Thee,

Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Saviour and our Advocate.

5 And thus we come, O God, to day,
And all our woes before Thee lay,
For tried, afflicted, lo! we stand,
Perils and foes on every hand.

6 Ah! hide not for our sins Thy face,
Absolve us through Thy boundless grace,
Be with us in our anguish still,
Free us at last from every ill.

7 That so with all our hearts we may
Once more our glad thanksgivings pay,
And walk obedient to Thy Word,
And now and ever praise Thee, Lord.

365 8,6,6.

WHY should sorrow ever grieve me;
Christ is near, What can here
E'er of Him deprive me?
Who can rob me of my heaven
That God's Son As my own
To my faith hath given?

2 Naked was I and unswathèd
When on earth At my birth
My first breath I breathèd.
Naked hence shall I betake me
When I go From earth's woe,
And my breath forsake me.

3 Naught—not e'en the life I'm living,
Is my own, God alone
All to me is giving.
Must I then His own restore Him?

Though bereft Of each gift
Still shall I adore Him.

4 Though a heavy cross I'm bearing,
And my heart Feels the smart,
Shall I be despairing?
God can help me who doth send it,
He doth know All my woe
And how best to end it.

5 God oft gives me days of gladness,
Shall I grieve If He give
Seasons, too, of sadness?
God is good, and tempers ever
Every hurt; Me desert
Wholly can He never.

6 Though united world and Devil,
All their power Can no more
Do than mock and cavil.
Let derision now employ them,
Christ e'en here Will appear
And 'fore all destroy them.

7. True believers shrinking never
Where they dwell Should reveal
Their true colors ever.
When approaching death would scare them
Still should they Patient stay
And with courage bear them.

8 Death can never kill us even
But relief From all grief
To us then is given.
It doth close life's mournful story,
Make a way That we may
Pass to heavenly glory.

9 There I'll reap enduring pleasure,
After woe Here below
Suffered in large measure.
Lasting good we find here never,
All the earth Deemeth worth
Vanisheth forever.

10 What is all this life possesseth?
But a hand Full of sand
That the heart distresseth.
Noble gifts that pall me never,
Christ so free There gives me
To enjoy forever.

11 Shepherd! Lord! joy's Fountain ever!
Thou art mine, I am Thine,
No one can us sever.
I am Thine, because Thou gavest
Life and blood For my good,
By Thy death me savest.

12 Thou'rt mine, for I love and own Thee,
Nee'r shall I, Light of joy,
From my heart dethrone Thee.
Let me, let me soon behold Thee
Face to face, Thy embrace
May it soon enfold me!

366 8,7.8.

WHO puts his trust In God most just
Hath built his house securely;
He who relies On Jesus Christ
Heaven shall be his most surely.
Then fixed on Thee My trust shall be,
For Thy truth cannot alter;
While mine Thou art Not death's worst smart
Shall make my courage falter.

2 Though fiercest foes My course oppose,
A dauntless front I'll show them:
My Champion Thou, Lord Christ art now
Who soon shalt overthrow them;
And if but Thee I have in me
With Thy good gifts and Spirit,
Nor death nor hell, I know full well,
Shall hurt me, through Thy merit.

3 I rest me here Without a fear;
By Thee shall all be given
That I can need, O Friend indeed;
For this life or for heaven.
O make me true, My heart renew,
My soul and flesh deliver!
Lord hear my prayer, And in Thy care
Keep me in peace forever.

367 8,7,8,7,7,7,8,8.

ZION mourns in fear and anguish,
Zion, city of our God:
"Ah!" she saith, "how sore I languish,
Bowed beneath so hard a load;
God hath sure forsook me quite,
And forgot my evil plight;"—
Nay, the Lord, who chose thee, spares thee,
For within His heart He bears thee.

2 "Once," she mourns, "He promised plainly
That His help should aye be near,
Yet I now must seek Him vainly
In my days of woe and fear.
Will He then forevermore
Keep His anger, and no more
Help His chosen generation
In their present tribulation?"

3 "Zion, surely I have loved thee !"
  Thus to her the Highest saith,
"True that many woes have proved thee,
  And thy soul is sad to death,
Yet now cast thy griefs behind ;
Where wilt thou a mother find,
For her own child not providing,
Or in hatred with it chiding ?"

4 "Nay, and couldst thou find a mother
  Who forgot her infant's claim,
Or whose wrath her love could smother,
  Yet would I be still the same ;
For my truth is pledged to thee,
Zion, thou art dear to me,
I within my heart have set thee,
And I never can forget thee."

5 "Let not Satan make thee craven,
  He can fight but cannot harm ;
On my hands thy name is graven,
  And thy shield is still my arm.
How, then, could it ever be
That I failed to think of thee,
Build the wall of my own city,
And look down on thee with pity ? "

6 "Thou before my eyes art ever,
  In my bosom thou art laid
As a nursing child, and never
  Shalt thou lack my timely aid.
Me and thee no time, nor stress,
War, nor danger, nor distress,
No, nor Satan's self shall sever,—
Only be thou faithful ever."

XXIII. DEATH AND BURIAL.

368 10s.

ABIDE with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee.
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

3 Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples Lord:
Familiar, condescending, patient, free,
Come, not to sojourn, but abide with me.

4 Come not in terrors as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea;
O Friend of sinners, thus abide with me!

5 Thou on my head in early youth didst smile.
And, though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee:
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me!

6 I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

7 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me!

7 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

369 S. M.

AND must this body die,
This mortal frame decay?
And must these active limbs of mine
Lie mouldering in the clay?

2 God my Redeemer lives,
And ever from the skies
Looks down and watches all my dust,
Till He shall bid it rise.

3 Arrayed in glorious grace
Shall these vile bodies shine,
And every shape, and every face,
Look heavenly and divine.

4 These lively hopes we owe
To Jesus' dying love:
We would adore His grace below
And sing His power above.

5 Dear Lord, accept the praise
Of these our humble songs,
Till tunes of nobler sound we raise
With our immortal tongues.

370 L. M.

ASLEEP in Jesus! blessèd sleep!
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.

2 Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet
To be for such a slumber meet!
With holy confidence to sing
That death has lost his venomed sting!

3 Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest!
Whose waking is supremely blest;
No fear, no woe, shall dim that hour
That manifests the Saviour's power.

4 Asleep in Jesus! O for me
May such a blissful refuge be;
Securely shall my ashes lie,
And wait the summons from on high.

371 7,6.

FAREWELL! I say with gladness,
False, evil world, farewell!
Thy life is sin and sadness,
With thee I would not dwell;
In heaven are better pleasures,
I long for that bright sphere
Where God grants endless treasures
To those that served Him here.

2 Do with me as it pleases
Thy heart, O Son of God!
When anguish on me seizes,
Help me to bear my load;
Nor then my sorrows lengthen,
But take me hence on high;
My fearful spirit strengthen,
And let me calmly die.

3 When all around is darkling,
  Thy name and cross, still bright,
Deep in my heart are sparkling,
  Like stars in blackest night.
Appear Thou in Thy sorrow,
  For Thine was woe indeed,
And from Thy cross I borrow
  All comfort heart can need.

4 Thou diedst for me,—O hide me
  When tempests round me roll;
Through all my foes, O guide me,
  Receive my trembling soul.
If I but grasp Thee firmer,
  What matters pain when past?
Hath he a cause to murmur
  Who reaches heaven at last?

5 O write my name, I pray Thee,
  Now in the book of life;
So let me here obey Thee,
  And there, where joys are rife,
Forever bloom before Thee,
  Thy perfect freedom prove,
And tell, as I adore Thee,
  How faithful was Thy love.

372 7,6.

FOR me to live is Jesus,
  To die is gain for me,
To Him I gladly yield me,
  And die right cheerfully.

2 From hence I go with gladness
  To Christ my Brother's side,
That I may soon be with Him,
  And e'er with Him abide.

3 I have o'ercome life's crosses,
Grief, pain, and sorrow cease,
Through His five wounds most holy
With God I am at peace.

4 When all my powers are breaking,
My breath comes heavily,
Nor word more I can utter,
Lord, hear my sighs to Thee!

5 When reason, sense, and thinking,
Fail like a flickering light,
That to and fro doth waver,
Ere 'tis extinguished quite:

6 Then let me softly, gently,
Lord, fall asleep in Thee,
When by Thy will and counsel
My last hour comes to me.

7 As to the oak the ivy,
So let me cleave to Thee,
And live in heavenly glory
With Thee eternally.

8 Amen! This wilt Thou, Jesus,
Grant graciously to me:
Endow me with Thy Spirit,
That I fare happily.

373 **7s.**

HARK! a voice divides the sky:
Happy are the faithful dead,
In the Lord who sweetly die;
They from all their toils are freed.

2 Them the Spirit hath declared
Blest, unutterably blest;
Jesus is their great Reward,
Jesus is their endless Rest.

3 Followed by their works, they go
  Where their Head had gone before;
Reconciled by grace below,
  Grace hath opened mercy's door.

4 Justified through faith alone,
  Here they knew their sins forgiven;
Here they laid their burden down,
  Hallowed and made meet for heaven.

5 When from flesh the spirit freed
  Hastens homeward to return,
Mortals cry: "A man is dead!"
  Angels sing: "A child is born!"

374 8,7.

HARK! a voice saith, All are mortal.
  Yea, all flesh must fade as grass,
Only through death's gloomy portal
  To a better land we pass;
This frail body here must perish,
Ere the heavenly joys it cherish,
Ere it gain the free reward
For the ransomed of the Lord.

2 Therefore, when my God doth choose it,
  Willingly I'll yield my life,
Nor will grieve that I should lose it,
  For with sorrows it was rife;
And in my Redeemer's merit
Peace hath found my troubled spirit,
And in death my comfort is
Jesus' death—sweet comfort this!

3 For my sake He went before me,
  And His death is now my gain;
Peace and hope He conquered for me;
  So without regret or pain,

Yea, with joy I'll quit earth's sadness
For the beauteous heaven of gladness,
Where I shall eternally
See the holy Trinity.

4 There is joy beyond our telling,
  Where so many saints have gone;
Thousands, thousands there are dwelling,
  Worshipping before the throne,
There the Seraphim are shining,
Evermore in chorus joining:
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Triune God, for aye adored!"

5 Worthies there, of sacred story,
  Prophets, Patriarchs, are met;
There Apostles too in glory
  Fill twelve thrones by Jesus set;
All the saints that have ascended
Age on age, through time extended,
There in blissful concert, sing
Hallelujahs to their King.

6 O Jerusalem, how glorious
  Dost thou shine, thou city fair!
Lo! I hear the tones victorious
  Ever sweetly sounding there!
O the bliss that there surprises!
Lo! the sun of morn now rises,
And the breaking day I see
That shall never end for me!

7 Yea, I see what here was told me,
  See that wondrous glory shine;
Feel the spotless robes enfold me,
  Know a golden crown is mine,
Thus before the throne so glorious
Now I stand, a soul victorious,
Gazing on that joy for aye
That shall never pass away.

375 L. M. 61.

I FALL asleep in Jesus' wounds,
There pardon for my sins abounds;
Yea, Jesus' blood and righteousness
My jewels are, my glorious dress.
Wherein before my God I stand,
When I shall reach the heavenly land.

2 With peace and joy I now depart,
God's child I am with all my heart;
I thank thee, death, thou leadest me
To that true life where I would be.
So cleansed by Christ I fear not death.
Lord Jesus, strengthen Thou my faith!

376 11s.

I WOULD not live alway; I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way:
The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its cheer.

2 I would not live alway; thus fettered by sin,
Temptation without, and corruption within;
E'en the rapture of pardon is mingled with fears,
And the cup of thanksgiving with penitent tears.

3 I would not live alway; no, welcome the tomb;
Since Jesus hath lain there, I dread not its gloom;
There sweet be my rest, till He bid me arise
To hail him in triumph descending the skies.

4 Who, who would live alway, away from His God?
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode

Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns:

5 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet;
While the songs of salvation unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

377 S. M.

JESUS! I live to Thee,
The Loveliest and Best!
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
In Thy blest love I rest.

2 Jesus! I die to Thee,
Whenever death shall come;
To die in Thee is life to me
In my eternal home.

3 Whether to live or die,
I know not which is best;
To live in Thee is bliss to me,
To die is endless rest.

4 Living or dying, Lord,
I ask but to be Thine;
My life in Thee, Thy life in me,
Make heaven forever mine.

378 L. M.

LORD Jesus Christ, true man and God,
Who borest anguish, scorn, the rod,
And diedst at last upon the tree,
To gain Thy Father's grace for me:

2 I pray Thee, through that bitter woe,
Let me, a sinner, mercy know,

When comes the hour of failing breath,
And I must wrestle, Lord, with death.

3 When from my sight all fades away,
And when my tongue no more can say,
And when mine ears no more can hear,
And when my heart is racked with fear.

4 When all my mind is darkened o'er,
And human help can do no more;
Then come, Lord Jesus, come with speed,
And help me in the hour of need.

5 Lead me from this dark vale beneath,
And shorten then the pangs of death;
All evil spirits drive away,
But let Thy Spirit with me stay,

6 Until my soul the body leave;
Then in Thy hands my soul receive,
And let the earth the body keep,
Till the last day shall break its sleep.

7 Joyful my resurrection be,
Thou in the Judgment plead for me,
And hide my sins, Lord, from Thy face,
And give me life, of Thy dear grace!

8 Implicitly I trust Thee, Lord,
For Thou hast promised in Thy Word:
"In truth I tell you, who receives
My Word, and keeps it, and believes,

9 Shall never fall God's wrath beneath,
Shall never taste eternal death;
Though here he must return to dust,
He still is noways therefore lost;

10 For I will with a mighty hand
Deliver him from death's strong band,

And lift him hence that he shall be
Forever in my realm with me.

11 Forever living there in bliss."
O let us not that glory miss!
Dear Lord, forgive us all our guilt,
Help us to wait until Thou wilt

12 That we depart; and let our faith
Be brave, and conquer even in death,
Firm resting in Thy sacred Word,
Until we sleep in Thee, our Lord.

379 L. M.

NOW hush your cries and shed no tear,
On such death none should look with fear;
He died a faithful Christian man,
And with his death true life began.

2 Coffin and grave we deck with care,
His body reverently bear,
It is not dead, but rests in God,
And softly sleeps beneath the sod.

3 It seems as all were over now,—
The heavy limbs, the souless brow,—
Yet through these rigid limbs once more
A noble life, ere long, shall pour.

4 These bones now dead, again shall feel
New warmth and vigor through them steal,
And reunited they shall soar
On high to live for evermore.

5 This body, lying stiff and stark,
Shall soon rise upward from the dark,
And swiftly mount up to the skies,
Even as the spirit heavenward flies,

6 The buried grain of wheat must die,
Withered and worthless long must lie,
Yet springs to light all sweet and fair,
And proper fruits shall rightly bear.

7 Even so this body, made of dust,
To earth we once again entrust,
Where it shall slumber free from pain,
Till from the dead it rise again.

8 God breathed into this house of clay
The spirit that hath passed away;
The righteous mind, the noble heart,
The living faith did Christ impart.

9 Now earth has hid it from our eyes,
Till God shall bid it wake and rise,
Who ne'er the creature will forget,
On whom his image He hath set.

10 Ah! would that promised day were here,
When Christ will once again appear,
And bring them to their heavenly home
Who have been buried in the tomb.

380 L. M.

NOW lay we calmly in the grave
This form, whereof no doubt we have
That it shall rise again that day,
In glorious triumph o'er decay.

2 And so to earth again we trust
What came from dust and turns to dust,
And from the dust shall surely rise,
When the last trumpet fills the skies.

3 His soul forever lives in God,
Whose grace his pardon hath bestowed,
Who through His Son redeemed him here
From bondage unto sin and fear.

4 His trials and his griefs are past.
A blessed end is his at last;
He bore Christ's yoke and did His will,
And though he died he liveth still.

5 He lives where none do mourn and weep,
And calmly shall his body sleep,
'Tis God shall death Himself destroy,
And raise it into glorious joy.

6 He suffered pain and grief below,
Christ heals him now from all his woe;
For him hath endless joy begun;
He shines in glory like the sun.

7 Then let us leave him to his rest,
And homeward turn, for he is blest:
And we must well our souls prepare,
For death may seize us everywhere.

8 So help us, Christ, our Hope in loss!
Thou hast redeemed us by Thy cross
From endless death and misery;
We praise, we bless, we worship Thee!

381 10,5.

O HOW blest are ye whose toils are ended!
Who, through death, have unto God ascended!
Ye have arisen
From the cares which keep us still in prison.

2 We are still as in a dungeon living,
Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;
Our undertakings
Are but toils and troubles and heartbreakings

3 Ye, meanwhile, are in your chambers sleeping,
Quiet, and set free from all our weeping;
No cross or sadness
There can hinder your untroubled gladness.

4 Christ has wiped away your tears forever;
Ye have that for which we still endeavor.
To you are chanted
Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted.

5 Ah! who would then not depart with gladness,
To inherit heaven for earthly sadness?
Who here would languish
Longer in bewailing and in anguish?

6 Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us!
Lead us forth, and cast this world behind us!
With Thee, th' Anointed,
Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.

382 L. M. 61.

O LORD my God, I cry to Thee!
In my distress Thou helpest me.
My soul and body I commend
Into Thy hands; Thine angel send
To guide me home, and cheer my heart,
Since Thou dost call me to depart.

2 O Jesus Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
Once slain to take away our load!
Now let Thy cross, Thine agony,
Avail to save and solace me;
Thy death to open heaven, and there
Bid me the joy of angels share.

3 O Holy Spirit, at the end,
Sweet Comforter, be Thou my Friend!

When death and hell assail me sore,
Leave me, O leave me nevermore,
But bear me safely through the strife,
As Thou hast promised, into life!

383 C. M.

OUR God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages, in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Thy word commands our flesh to dust:
"Return, ye sons of men;"
All nations rose from earth at first.
And turn to earth again.

6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

7 Like flowery fields the nations stand,
Pleased with the morning light:
The flowers beneath the mower's hand
Lie withering ere 'tis night.

8 Our God, our Help in ages past,
  Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last,
  And our eternal Home!

384 7,6,8,9,5.

THOUGH in midst of life we be,
  Snares of death surround us;
Where shall we for succor flee,
  Lest our foes confound us?
    To Thee alone, our Saviour.
We mourn our grievous sin which hath
Stirred the fire of Thy fierce wrath.
  Holy and gracious God!
  Holy and mighty God!
  Holy and all-merciful Saviour!
    Eternal Lord God!
Save us now from sinking
In the bitter pains of death.
    O Lord, have mercy!

2 While in midst of death we be,
  Hell's grim jaws o'ertake us;
Who from such distress will free,
  Who secure will make us?
    Thou only, Lord, canst do it!
It moves Thy tender heart to see
Our great sin and misery.
  Holy and gracious God!
  Holy and mighty God!
  Holy and all-merciful Saviour
    Eternal Lord God!
Let not hell dismay us
With its everlasting fire.
    O Lord, have mercy!

3 Into hell's fierce agony
  Sin doth headlong drive us;

Where shall we for succor flee,
  Who, O who will hide us?
    Thou, O Lord Christ, Thou only!
Thy precious blood was shed to win
Peace and pardon for our sin.
  Holy and gracious God!
  Holy and mighty God!
  Holy and all-merciful Saviour.
    Eternal Lord God!
From the true faith's comfort
Let us never fall away.
    O Lord, have mercy!

385 Iambic. 8,7.

WHEN my last hour is close at hand,
  And I must hence betake me,
Lord Jesus Christ, beside me stand,
  Nor let Thy help forsake me;
To Thy blest hands I now commend
My soul, at this my earthly end,
And Thou wilt safely keep it.

2 My sins, dear Lord, disturb me sore,
  My conscience cannot slumber;
But though as sands upon the shore,
  My sins may be in number,
I will not quail, but think of Thee;
Thy death, Thy sorrow, borne for me,
Thy sufferings shall uphold me.

3 I have been grafted in the Vine,
  And hence my comfort borrow,
For Thou wilt surely keep me Thine
  Through fear, and pain, and sorrow;
Yea, though I die, I die to Thee,
Who through Thy death hast won for me
The right to life eternal.

4 Since Thou from death didst rise again,
In death Thou wilt not leave me;
Lord, Thy ascension soothes my pain,
No fear of death shall grieve me;
For Thou wilt have me where Thou art,
And so with joy I can depart
To be with Thee forever.

5 And so I stretch mine arms to Thee,
And gladly hence betake me;
Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,
No human voice can wake me.
But Christ is with me through the strife,
And He will bear me into life,
And open heaven before me.

386 L. M. 61.

WHO knows how near my end my be?
Time speeds away, and death comes on;
How swiftly, ah! how suddenly,
May death be here and life be gone!
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

2 The world that smiled when morn was come
May change for me ere close of eve;
So long as earth is still my home
In peril of my death I live;
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

3 Teach me to ponder oft my end,
And ere the hour of death appears,
To cast my soul on Christ, her Friend,
Nor spare repentant cries and tears;
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

4 And let me now so order all,
  That ever ready I may be
To say with joy, Whate'er befall,
  Lord, do Thou as Thou wilt with me;
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

5 Let heaven to me be ever sweet,
  And this world bitter let me find,
That I, 'mid all its toil and heat,
  May keep eternity in mind;
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

6 O Father, cover all my sins
  With Jesus' merits, who alone
The pardon that I covet wins
  And makes His long sought rest my own;
My God for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day,

7 His sorrows and His cross I know
  Make death-beds soft, and light the grave,
They comfort in the hour of woe,
  They give me all I fain would have;
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

8 From Him can naught my soul divide,
  Nor life nor death can part us now;
I thrust my hand into His side,
  And say, My Lord and God art Thou!
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

9 In holy Baptism long ago
  I joined me to the living Vine;
Thou lovest me in Him I know,
  In Him Thou dost accept me Thine;

My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

And I have eaten His own flesh
  And drunk His blood,—nor can I be
Forsaken now, nor doubt afresh,
  I am in Him, and He in me.
My God for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

11 Then death may come, or tarry yet,
  I know in Christ I perish not,
He never will His own forget,
  He gives me robes without a spot.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

12 And thus I live in God at peace,
  And die without a thought of fear,
Content to take what God decrees,
  For through His Son my faith is clear,
His grace shall be in death my stay,
And peace shall bless my dying day.

XXIV. ETERNITY.

387 S. M.

AND will the Judge descend?
  And must the dead arise?
And not a single soul escape
  His all-discerning eyes?

2 And from His righteous lips
  Shall this dread sentence sound;
And, through the numerous guilty throng,
  Spread black despair around?

3 "Depart from me, accursed,
To everlasting flame,
For rebel angels first prepared,
Where mercy never came."

4 How will my heart endure
The terrors of that day,
When earth and heaven before His face,
Astonished shrink away ?

5 But ere that trumpet shakes
The mansions of the dead,
Hark, from the Gospel's cheering sound
What joyful tidings spread !

6 Ye sinners, seek His grace
Whose wrath ye cannot bear ;
Fly to the shelter of His cross,
And find salvation there.

388 Trochaic 8s

DAY of wrath, that day of mourning !
See fulfilled the Prophet's warning,
Heaven and earth in ashes burning !

2 O what fear man's bosom rendeth,
When from heaven the Judge descendeth
On whose sentence all dependeth !

3 Wondrous sound the trumpet flingeth,
Through earth's sepulchers it ringeth,
All before the throne it bringeth.

4 Death is struck, and nature quaking ;
As creation is awaking,
To its Judge an answer making.

5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded ;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

6 When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

7 What shall I frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding,
When the just are mercy needing?

8 King of majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us!

9 Think, kind Jesus! my salvation
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation!

10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me;
On the cross of suffering bought me;
Shall such grace in vain be brought me?

11 Righteous Judge of retribution,
Grant Thy gift of absolution,
Ere that day's dread execution.

12 Guilty, now I pour my mourning,
All my shame with anguish owning!
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!

13 Thou the woman gav'st remission,
Heard'st the dying thief's petition;
Hopeless else were my condition.

14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying!

15 With Thy favored sheep, O place me!
Nor amid the goats abase me:
But to Thy right hand upraise me.

16 While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.

17 Bows my heart in meek submission,
Strews with ashes of contrition;
Succor Thou my lost condition!

18 Day of sorrow, Day of weeping,
When in dust no longer sleeping,
Man awakes in Thy dread keeping!

19 To the rest Thou didst prepare me,
On Thy cross, O Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in mercy spare me!

389 S. M

"FOREVER with the Lord!"
Amen! so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality.

2 Here in the body pent,
Absent from Him I roam,
Yet nightly pitch my moving tent
A day's march nearer home.

3 My Father's house on high,
Home of my soul! how near
At times to faith's fore-seeing eye
The golden gates appear!

4 Ah! then my spirit faints
To reach the land I love,
The bright inheritance of saints,
Jerusalem above!

5 "Forever with the Lord!"
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
E'en here to me fulfill.

6 Be Thou at my right hand,
Then I can never fail;
Uphold Thou me, and I shall stand,
Fight, and I must prevail.

7 So when my latest breath
Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death I shall escape from death,
And life eternal gain.

8 Knowing as I am known,
How shall I love that word,
And oft repeat before the throne,
"Forever with the Lord!"

390 Iambic. 8, 7.

GREAT God, what do I see and hear!
The end of things created!
The Judge of man I see appear,
On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds: the graves restore
The dead which they contained before;
Prepare my soul to meet Him.

2 The dead in Christ shall first arise,
At the last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding;
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet Him.

3 But sinners, filled with guilty fears,
  Behold His wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise, and find their tears
  And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
Trembling they stand before the throne,
  All unprepared to meet Him.

4 O Christ, who diedst and yet dost live,
  To me impart Thy merit;
My pardon seal, my sins forgive,
  And cleanse me by Thy Spirit.
Beneath Thy cross I view the day
When heaven and earth shall pass away.
  And thus prepare to meet Thee.

391 C. M

JERUSALEM, my happy home,
  Name ever dear to me!
When shall my labors have an end
  In joy, and peace, and Thee?

2 When shall these eyes thy heaven-built walls
  And pearly gates behold?
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
  And streets of shining gold?

3 O when, thou city of my God,
  Shall I thy courts ascend,
Where evermore the angels sing,
  Where sabbaths have no end?

4 There happier bowers than Eden's bloom,
  Nor sin nor sorrow know:
Blest seats! through rude and stormy scenes
  I onward press to you.

5 Why should I shrink from pain and woe,
  Or feel at death dismay?

I've Canaan's goodly land in view,
And realms of endless day.

6 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Saviour stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

7 Jerusalem, my happy home!
My soul still pants for thee;
Then shall my labors have an end,
When I thy joys shall see.

392 7, 6.

JERUSALEM the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppress:
I know not, O I know not,
What joys await us there!
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare!

2 There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The songs of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever, and forever,
Are clad in robes of white!

3 Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy Part:
His only, His forever,
Thou shalt be and thou art!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
Soon to that land of rest;

Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit ever blest!

393 10,6,7,6.

JERUSALEM, thou city fair and high,
Would God I were in thee!
My longing heart fain, fain to thee would fly,
It will not stay with me;
Far over vale and mountain,
Far over field and plain,
It hastes to seek its Fountain
And quit this world of pain.

2 O happy day, and yet far happier hour,
When wilt thou come at last?
When fearless to my Father's love and power
Whose promise standeth fast,
My soul I gladly render,
For surely will His hand
Lead her, with guidance tender,
To heaven, her fatherland.

3 A moment's space, and gently, wondrously,
Released from earthly ties,
Elijah's chariot bears her up to thee,
Through all these lower skies,
To yonder shining regions,
While down to meet her come
The blessed angel legions,
And bid her welcome home,

4 O Zion, hail! Bright city, now unfold
The gates of grace to me!
How many a time I longed for thee of old,
Ere yet I was set free
From yon dark life of sadness,
Yon world of shadowy naught,

And God had given the gladness,
The heritage I sought.

5 O what the tribe, or what the glorious host,
Comes sweeping swiftly down?
The chosen ones on earth who wrought the most,
The Church's brightest crown,
Our Lord hath sent to meet me,
As in the far-off years
Their words oft came to greet me
In yonder land of tears.

6 The Patriarchs' and Prophets' noble train,
With all Christ's followers true,
Who bore the cross, and could the worst disdain
That tyrants dared to do,
I see them shine forever,
All glorious as the sun,
'Mid light that fadeth never,
Their perfect freedom won.

7 And when within that lovely paradise
At last I safely dwell,
From out my soul what songs of bliss shall rise,
What joy my lips shall tell,
While holy saints are singing
Hosannas o'er and o'er,
Pure Hallelujahs ringing
Around me evermore!

8 Innumerous choirs before the shining throne
Their joyful anthems raise,
Till heaven's glad halls are echoing with the tone
Of that great hymn of praise,

And all its host rejoices,
  And all its blessed throng
Unite their myriad voices
  In one eternal song.

394 L. M.

LET thoughtless thousands choose the road
  That leads the soul away from God;
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine,
To live and die entirely Thine.

2 On Christ, by faith, I fain would live,
From Him, my life, my all receive;
To Him devote my fleeting hours,
Serve Him alone with all my powers.

3 Christ is my everlasting All;
To Him I look, on Him I call;
He will my every want supply,
In time, and through eternity.

4 Soon will the Lord, my Life, appear;
Soon shall I end my trials here;
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain;
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

5 Soon will the saints in glory meet,
Soon walk through every golden street,
And sing on every blissful plain,—
To live is Christ, to die is gain.

395 L. M.

THAT day of wrath, that dreadful day,
  When heaven and earth shall pass away,
What power shall be the sinner's stay!
How shall he meet that dreadful day?

2 When, shrivelling like a parchèd scroll,
The flaming heavens together roll;
When louder yet, and yet more dread,
Swells the high trump that wakes the dead:

3 Lord, on that day, that wrathful day,
When man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be Thou the trembling sinner's Stay,
Though heaven and earth shall pass away!

396 Iambic. 8,7.

THE day is surely drawing near,
When God's Son, the anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear,
As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease,
When flames on flames will still increase
As the Apostle teacheth.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound,
And all the earth be shaken;
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour,
By the Almighty's boundless power,
Be changed at His commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all—
A record truly telling
What each hath done both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling;
And every heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been,
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord,
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word,

And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand,
And at the Judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 O Jesus, who my debt didst pay,
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the book of life, O may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free,
And from all condemnation.

6 Therefore my Intercessor be,
And for Thy bloody merit
Declare my name from judgment free,
With all who life inherit;
That I may see Thee face to face,
With all Thy saints in that blest place,
Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation!
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From every evil. Amen!

397 C. M.

THERE is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Eternal day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.

2 There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers:

Death, like a narrow sea, divides
This heavenly land from ours.

3 Sweet fields, beyond the swelling flood,
Stand dressed in living green :
So to the Jews old Canaan stood,
While Jordan rolled between.

4 But timorous mortals start and shrink
To cross this narrow sea,
And linger, shivering, on the brink,
And fear to launch away.

5 O could we make our doubts remove,
Those gloomy doubts that rise,
And view the Canaan that we love,
With unbeclouded eyes !

6 Could we but climb where Moses stood,
And view the landscape o'er,
Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Should fright us from the shore.

398 C. M. 51.

THERE is an hour of peaceful rest,
To mourning wanderers given ;
There is a joy for souls distressed,
A balm for every wounded breast :
'Tis found above—in heaven.

2 There is a soft, a downy bed,
'Tis fair as breath of even ;
A couch for weary mortals spread,
Where they may rest the aching head,
And find repose—in heaven.

3 There is a home for weary souls,
By sin and sorrow driven,—

When tossed on life's tempestuous shoals,
Where storms arise and ocean rolls,
And all is drear—but heaven.

4 There faith lifts up her cheerful eye,
To brighter prospects given;
And views the tempest passing by,
The evening shadows quickly fly,
And all serene—in heaven.

5 There fragrant flowers immortal bloom,
And joys supreme are given;
There rays divine disperse the gloom;
Beyond the confines of the tomb
Appears the dawn of heaven!

399 8,9,8,6,6,4,8,8.

WAKE, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying:
Awake, Jerusalem, arise!
'Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
O where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near!

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is risen, her Light is come!
Now come Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!

The joyful call We answer all,
And follow to the nuptial hall.

3 Glory unto Thee be given,
By men and by the host of heaven,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone;
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where we are with the choir immortal
Of angels round Thy dazzling throne.
Nor eye hath seen, nor ear
Hath yet attained to hear
Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of joy and praise to Thee.

400 8s. 10l.

YES, there remaineth yet a rest!
Arise, sad heart, that darkly pines,
By heavy care and pain opprest,
On whom no sun of gladness shines;
Look to the Lamb! in yon bright fields
Thou'lt know the joy His presence yields;
Cast off thy load and thither haste;
Soon shalt thou fight and bleed no more,
Soon, soon thy weary course be o'er,
And deep the rest thou then shalt taste.

2 The rest appointed thee of God,
The rest that naught shall break or move,
That ere this earth by man was trod
Was set apart for thee by Love.
Our Saviour gave His life to win
This rest for thee; O enter in!
Hear how His voice sounds far and wide,
Ye weary souls no more delay,
Loiter not faithless by the way,
Here in my peace and rest abide!

3 Ye heavy-laden, come to Him!
  Ye who are bent with many a load,
Come from your prisons drear and dim,
  Toil thus not sadly on your road!
Ye've borne the burden of the day,
And hear ye not the Saviour say:
  "I am your Refuge and your Rest"?
His children ye, of heavenly birth,
  Howe'er may rage sin, hell, or earth,
Here ye are safe, here calmly blest.

4 O what contentment fills the breast
  Of wanderers through the desert plains,
If they have found a place to rest,
  To quench their thirst and cure their pains!
How welcome is an humble bed,
Where they may rest their weary head,
  To persons that are sick and sore!
Such hours of sweet repose soon fly,
But there remains a rest on high
  Where we shall rest forevermore.

5 Yonder in joy the sheaves we bring,
  Whose seed was sown on earth in tears;
There in our Father's house we sing
  The song too sweet for mortal ears.
Sorrow and sighing all are past,
And pain and death are fled at last;
  There with the Lamb of God we dwell,
He leads us to the crystal river,
He wipes away all tears forever;
  What there is ours no tongue can tell.

6 Nor thirst nor hunger pains us there,
  The time of recompense is come,
Nor cold nor scorching heat we bear,
  We're sheltered in our Saviour's home.

The Lamb is in the midst; and those
Who followed Him through shame and woes,
  Are crowned with honor, joy, and peace.
The dry bones gather life again,
One Sabbath over all shall reign,
  Wherein all toil and labor cease.

7 There is untroubled calm and light,
  No gnawing care shall mar our rest;
Ye weary, heed this word aright
  Come, lean upon your Saviour's breast.
Fain would I linger here no more,
Fain to yon happier world upsoar,
  And join that bright expectant band.
O raise, my soul, the joyful song
That rings through yon triumphant throng;
  Thy perfect rest is nigh at hand.

ADDITIONAL HYMNS.

III. NEW YEAR.

401 8,7.

DAYS and moments quickly flying
Blend the living with the dead;
Soon shall we who sing be lying,
Each within our narrow bed.

2 Soon our souls to God who gave them
Will have sped their rapid flight;
Able now by grace to save them,
Oh, that while we can we might!

3 Jesus, infinite Redeemer,
Maker of this mighty frame;
Teach, oh, teach us to remember
What we are, and whence we came:—

4 Whence we came, and whither wending;
Soon we must through darkness go,
To inherit bliss unending,
Or eternity of woe.

As the tree falls, so it must lie;
As the man lives, so will he die;
As the man dies, such must he be,
All through the days of eternity. Amen.

IV. EPIPHANY.

402 11,10.

BRIGHTEST and best of the sons of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;

Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore Him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Saviour of all!

3 Say shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountains, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gold would His favor secure:
Richer, by far, is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning!
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

XII. REFORMATION.

403 L.M.

WHO shall the Lord's elect condemn?
'Tis God who justifies their souls;
And mercy, like a mighty stream,
O'er all their sins divinely rolls.

2 He lives! He lives! and sits above,
Forever interceding there:
Who shall divide us from His love,
Or what should tempt us to despair?

3 Shall persecution, or distress,
Famine, or sword, or nakedness?
He who hath loved us bears us through,
And makes us more than conquerors too

4 Not all that men on earth can do,
Nor powers on high, nor powers below,
Shall cause His mercy to remove,
Or wean our hearts from Christ, our Love.

404

NO change of time shall ever shock
My firm affection, Lord, to Thee;
For Thou hast always been a Rock,
A Fortress and Defense to me.

2 Thou my Deliverer art, my God;
My trust is in Thy mighty power:
Thou art my Shield from foes abroad,
At home, my Safeguard and my Tower.

3 To Thee I will address my prayer,
To whom all praise we justly owe;
So shall I, by Thy watchful care,
Be guarded safe from every foe,

XIII. THE WORD AND THE CHURCH.

405 L. M.

LOOK from Thy sphere of endless day,
O God of mercy and of might!
In pity look on those who stray
Benighted in this land of light.

2 In peopled vale, in lonely glen,
In crowded mart, by stream or see,
How many of the sons of men
Hear not the message sent from Thee!

3 Send forth Thy herald's Lord, to call
The thoughtless young, the hardened old,
A scattered, homeless flock, till all
Be gathered to Thy peaceful fold.

4 Send them Thy mighty Word to speak,
Till faith shall dawn, and doubt depart,
To awe the bold, to stay the weak,
And bind and heal the broken heart.

5 Then all these wastes, a dreary scene,
That makes us sadden as we gaze,
Shall grow with living waters green,
And lift to heaven the voice of praise.

406 10 s.

RISE, crowned with light, imperial Salem, rise!
Exalt thy towering head, and lift thine eyes;
See heaven its sparkling portals wide display,
And break upon thee in a flood of day.

2 See a long race thy spacious court adorn;
See future sons and daughters yet unborn
In crowding ranks on every side arise,
Demanding life, impatient for the skies.

3 See barbarous nations at thy gates attend,
Walk in the light and in thy temple bend;
See thy bright altars thronged with prostrate kings,
While every land its joyful tribute brings.

4 The seas shall waste, the skies to smoke decay,
Rocks fall to dust, and mountains melt away;
But fixed this Word, this saving power remains;
Thy realms shall last, thy own Messiah reigns!

407 7,6.

OUR country's voice is pleading,
Ye men of God, arise!
His providence is leading,

The land before you lies;
Day-gleams, are o'er it brightening,
And promise clothes the soil;
Wide fields, for harvest whitening,
Invite the reaper's toil.

2 Go, where the waves are breaking
On California's shore,
Christ's precious Gospel taking,
More rich than golden ore;
On Alleghany's mountains,
Through all the western vale,
Beside Missouri's fountains,
Rehearse the wondrous tale.

3 The love of Christ unfolding,
Speed on from east to west,
Till all, this cross beholding,
In Him are fully blest.
Great Author of salvation,
Haste, haste the glorious day,
When we a ransomed nation,
Thy sceptre shall obey.

408 L. M. 61.

AWAKE, Thou Spirit, who didst fire
The watchmen of the Church's youth,
Who faced the foe's envenomed ire,
Who witnessed day and night Thy truth
Whose voices loud are ringing still,
And bringing hosts to know Thy will.

2 Lord let our earnest prayer be heard,
The prayer Thy Son hath bid us pray,
For lo, thy children's hearts are stirred
In every land in this our day,
To cry with fervent soul to Thee,
O help us, Lord! so let it be!

3 O haste to help, ere we are lost!
Send preachers forth, in spirit strong,
Armed with Thy Word, a dauntless host,
Bold to attack the rule of wrong;
Let them the earth for Thee reclaim,
Thy heritage, to know Thy name.

4 Would there were help within our walls!
O let Thy Spirit come again,
Before whom every barrier falls,
And now once more shine forth as then!
O rend the heavens and make us free!
Come, Lord, and bring us back to Thee!

5 And let Thy Word have speedy course,
Through every land be glorified,
Till all the heathens know its force,
And fill Thy churches far and wide;
Wake Israel from his sleep, O Lord,
And spread the conquest of Thy Word!

6 The Church's desert paths restore;
Let stumbling-blocks that in them lie
Hinder Thy Word henceforth no more:
Error destroy, and heresy,
And let Thy Church from hirelings free,
Bloom as a garden fair to Thee!

409 C. M.

MY God, accept my heart this day,
And make it always Thine,
That I from Thee no more may stray,
No more from Thee decline.

2 Before the cross of Him who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall;
Let every sin be crucified,
Let Christ be all in all!

3 Anoint me with Thy heavenly grace,
Adopt me for Thine own;
That I may see Thy glorious face,
And worship at Thy throne!

4 May the dear blood, once shed for me,
My blest atonement prove,
That I from first to last may be
The purchase of Thy love!

5 Let every thought, and work, and word,
To Thee be ever given:
Then life shall be Thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven!

410 7s.

THINE forever! God of love,
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be,
Here and in eternity.

2 Thine forever! Lord of life,
Shield us through our earthly strife;
Thou, the Life, the Truth the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

3 Thine forever! O how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.

4 Thine forever! Saviour, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep!
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

5 Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven,
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven

411 C. M

THE saints on earth and those above
But one communion make;
Joined to their Lord, in bonds of love,
All of His grace partake.

2 One family we dwell in Him,
One Church above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,—
The narrow stream of death.

3 One army of the living God,
To His commands we bow:
Part of the host have passed the flood,
And part are crossing now.

4 Lo! thousands to their endless home
Are swiftly borne away;
And we are to the margin come,
And soon must launch as they.

5 Lord Jesus! be our constant Guide!
Then, when the word is given,
Bid death's cold flood its waves divide,
And land us safe in heaven.

412 8 7.

HARK! the Church proclaims her honor,
And her strength is only this:
God hath laid her choice upon her,
And the work she doth is His.

2 He His Church has firmly founded,
He will guard what He began;

We by sin and foes surrounded,
Build her bulwarks as we can.

3 Frail and fleeting are our powers,
Short our days, our foresight dim,
And we own the choice not ours,
We were chosen first by Him.

4 Onward, then! for nought despairing,
Calm we follow at His Word,
Thus through joy and sorrow bearing
Faithful witness to our Lord.

5 Though we here must strive in weakness,
Though in tears we often bend,
What His might began in meekness
Shall achieve a glorious end.

XIV. CATECHISM.

413 S. M

OUR heavenly Father, hear
The prayer we offer now;
Thy name be hallowed far and near,
To Thee all nations bow.

2 Thy kingdom come; Thy will
On earth be done in love,
As saints and seraphim fulfill
Thy holy will above.

3 Our daily bread supply
While by Thy word we live:
The guilt of our iniquity
Forgive as we forgive.

4 From dark temptation's power,
From Satan's wiles, defend;
Deliver in the evil hour,
And guide us to the end.

5 Thine shall forever be
  Glory and power divine
The sceptre, throne, and majesty,
  Of heaven and earth are Thine.

414 S. M.

THE Saviour kindly calls
  Our children to His breast;
He folds them in His gracious arms,
  Himself declares them blest.

2 "Let them approach," He cries,
  "Nor scorn their humble claim,
The heirs of heaven are such as these,
  For such as these I came."

3 With joy we bring them, Lord,
  Devoting them to Thee,
Imploring, that, as we are Thine,
  Thine may our offspring be.

415 L. M.

THIS child we dedicate to Thee,
  O God of grace and purity!
Shield it from sin and threatening wrong,
And let Thy love its life prolong.

2 Oh, may Thy Spirit gently draw
Its willing soul to keep Thy Law,
May virtue, piety, and truth,
Dawn even with its dawning youth.

3 We too, before Thy gracious sight,
Once shared the blest baptismal rite,
And would renew its solemn vow
With love, and thanks, and praises, now.

4 Grant that, with true and faithful heart,
We still may act the Christian's part,
Cheered by each promise Thou hast given,
And laboring for the prize in heaven.

416 L. M.

NOW Christ, the very Son of God,
On sinners sends another flood;
It is the water which the Lord
Has comprehended in the Word.

2 This flood, to cleanse sin's leprosy,
Mere earthly water cannot be;
But water and God's gracious Word
Conjoined, this saving bath afford.

3 "Go ye," says Christ, "my Word proclaim,
Baptise the nations in God's name:
All who are baptized and believe
My full salvation shall receive."

4 God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To be baptized invites the host.
He will be present, though unseen,
From all their sins to wash them clean.

5 So too, by our repentance, must
The old man, with his sins and lust,
Be daily drowned, and then arise
A new man, righteous, pure, and wise.

6 That by the water and the Word
We're born again, we thank Thee, Lord!
In life and death Thine let us be,
And Thine in all eternity.

417 8,6,8,8,

FATHER, who hast created all
In wisest love, we pray
Look on this babe, who at Thy call
Is entering on life's way.
Bend o'er it now with blessing fraught
And make Thou something out of naught.

2 O Son, who diedst for us, behold,
We bring our child to Thee!
Great Shepherd, take it to Thy fold,
Thine own for aye to be:
Defend it through this earthly strife
And lead it on the path of life.

3 Spirit, who broodest o'er the wave,
Descend upon this child;
Give endless life, its spirit lave
With waters undefiled:
Grant it, while yet a babe to be
A child of God, a home for Thee!

4 O God, what Thou command'st is done:
We speak, but Thine the might.
This child which scarce has seen the sun,
O pour on it Thy light,
In faith and hope, in joy and love,
Thou Sun of all below, above!

418 L. M.

'TWAS on that dark, that doleful night,
When powers of earth and hell arose
Against the Son of God's delight,
And friends betrayed Him to His foes.

2 Before the mournful scene began,
He took the bread, and blessed, and brake;
What love through all His actions ran!
What wondrous words of grace He spake

3 "This is my body, broke for sin;
Receive and eat the living food:"
Then took the cup and blessed the wine;
"'Tis the new covenant in my blood."

4 "Do this," He said, "till time shall end,
In memory of your dying Friend

Meet at my table and record
The love of your departed Lord."

5 Jesus, Thy feast we celebrate;
We show Thy death, we sing Thy name,
Till Thou return, and we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.

419 L. M.

AT Thy command, our dearest Lord,
Here we attend Thy dying feast;
Thy blood, like wine, adorns the board,
And Thine own flesh feeds every guest.

2 Our faith adores Thy bleeding love,
And trusts for life in one that died;
We hope for heavenly crowns above
From a Redeemer crucified.

3 Let the vain world pronounce it shame,
And fling their scandals on the cause;
We come to boast our Saviour's name,
And make our triumphs in His cross.

4 With joy we tell the scoffing age,
He that was dead has left His tomb;
He lives above their utmost rage,
And we are waiting till He come.

420 L. M.

O JESUS! bruised and wounded more
Than bursted grape, or bread of wheat,
The Life of life within our souls,
The Cup of our salvation sweet!

2 We come to show Thy dying hour,
Thy streaming vein, Thy broken flesh;
And still the blood is warm to save,
And still the fragrant wounds are fresh.

3 O Heart! that, with a double tide
Of blood and water maketh pure,
O Flesh! once offered on the cross,
The gift that makes our pardon sure;

4 Let never more our sinful souls
The anguish of Thy cross renew;
Nor forge again the cruel nails,
That pierced Thy victim body through.

5 Come, Bread of heaven, to feed our souls,
And with Thee, Jesus enter in!
Come, Wine of God! and as we drink,
His precious blood wash out our sin!

421 10s.

DRAW nigh and take the body of your Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He that in this world rules His saints, and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Saviour Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

422 7,6.

O LIVING Bread from heaven,
How hast Thou fed Thy guest!
The gifts Thou now hast given
Have filled my heart with rest.

O wondrous Food of blessing!
O Cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
In thankful song o'erflows.

2 My Lord, Thou here hast led me
Within Thy holiest place,
And there Thyself hast fed me
With treasures of Thy grace:
And Thou hast freely given
What earth could never buy,
The Bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die!

3 Thou givest all I wanted
The Food can death destroy;
And Thou hast freely granted
The Cup of endless joy,
Ah, Lord I do not merit
The favor Thou hast shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Thy Throne!

4 Lord, grant me that, thus strengthened
With heavenly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
I serve with holy fear:
And when Thou call'st my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Thy merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

423 L. M.

MY GOD, and is Thy table spread?
And does Thy cup with love o'erflow?
Thither be all Thy children led,
And let them all its sweetness know.

2 Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes,
Rich banquet of His flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes
That sacred stream, that heavenly food!

3 Why are its blessings all in vain
Before unwilling hearts displayed?
Was not for us the Victim slain?
Are we forbid the children's bread?

4 O let Thy table honored be,
And furnished well with joyful guests;
And may each soul salvation see,
That here its sacred pledges tastes.

424 L. M.

AN awful mystery is here
To challenge faith and waken fear;
The Saviour comes as food divine
Concealed in earthly bread and wine.

2 This world is loveless—but above,
What wondrous boundlessness of love!
The King of glory stoops to me,
My spirit's life and strength to be.

3 In consecrated wine and bread
No eye perceives the mystery dread,
But Jesus' words are strong and clear:
"My body and my blood are here."

4 How dull are all the powers of sense,
Employed on proofs of love immense!
The richest food remains unseen,
And highest gifts appear how mean!

5 But here we have no boon on earth,
And faith alone discerns its worth;
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,
And faith assure, since sight's denied.

6 Lord show us still that Thou art good,
And grant us evermore this food.
Give faith to ev'ry wav'ring soul
And make each wounded spirit whole.

425 S. M.

THY table I approach,
Dear Saviour, hear my prayer,
O let no unrepented sin
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lo, I confess my sins,
And mourn their wretched bands
A contrite heart is ever wont
To find grace at Thy hands.

3 Thy body and Thy blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Thy table here—
A wondrous mystery!

4 Here I with mouth and soul,
Incomprehensibly,
Shall eat the precious flesh of Christ
In blest reality.

5 Search not how this takes place,
Nor whether it can be;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than seemeth plain to Thee.

6 Vouchsafe, O blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined,
May ne'er about this Sacrament
A doubt raise in my mind.

7 And may I never fail
To thank Thee day and night
For Thy true body and true blood,
O God, my Peace and Light!

426

INVITED, Lord, by boundless grace, L.M.
I stood a guest before Thy face;
As Host Thou spreadst no common food;
Here is Thy body and Thy blood!

2 How holy is this Sacrament,
Where pardon, peace, and life are spent!
This bread and cup my lips have pressed,
Thou blessedst, and my soul is blessed.

3 Now lettest Thou Thy guest depart
With full assurance in his heart;
For such communion, Lord, with Thee
May a new life my offering be.

4 When Thou shalt in Thy glory come
To gather all Thy people home,
Then let me, as Thy heavenly guest,
In anthems praise Thee with the blest!

XVI. FAITH AND JUSTIFICATION.

427 L.M.6.

MY hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousnes:
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant, and blood,
Support me in the sinking flood;

When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When I shall launch to worlds unseen,
O may I then be found in Him,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

428 C. P. M.

I DO not come because my soul
Is free from sin, and pure, and whole,
And worthy of Thy grace;
I do not speak to Thee because
I've ever justly kept Thy laws,
And dare to meet Thy face.

2 I know that sin and guilt combine
To reign o'er every thought of mine,
And turn from good to ill;
I know that when I try be
Upright, and just, and true to Thee,
I am a sinner still!

3 I know that often when I strive
To keep a spark of love alive
For Thee, the powers within
Leap up in unsubmissive might,
And oft benumb my sense of right,
And pull me back to sin.

4 I know that, though in deeds of good
I spend my life, I never could
Atone for all I've done:
But though my sins are black as night,
I dare to come before Thy sight,
Because I trust Thy Son.

5 In Him alone my trust I place—
Come boldly to Thy throne of grace,
And there commune with Thee:
Salvation sure, O Lord, is mine,
And, all-unworthy, I am Thine,
For Jesus died for me!

XVII. THE REDEEMER.

429 8,7.

JESUS, Thou art mine forever,
Dearer far than earth to me;
Neither life nor death shall sever
Those sweet ties which bind to Thee.

2 All were drear to me and lonely,
If Thy presence gladdened not;
While I sing to Thee—Thee only,
Mine's an ever blissful lot.

3 Thou alone art all my Treasure,
Who hast died that I may live,
Thou conferrest noblest pleasure,
Who dost all my sins forgive.

4 Brightest gems and fairest flowers,
Lose their beauty in Thy frown;
Joy and peace, like balmy showers,
In Thy smile come gently down.

5 Jesus, thou art mine forever,
Suffer not myself to stray;
Let me in my weakness never
Cast my priceless pearl away.

6 Lamb of God! I do implore Thee,
Guard, support me, lest I fall:
Let me evermore adore Thee,
Be my everlasting All.

XVIII. CHRISTIAN LIFE.

430 6s.

THY way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!
Lead me by Thine own hand;
Choose out my path for me.
I dare not choose my lot:
I would not, if I might;
Choose Thou for me, my God,
So shall I walk aright.

2 The kingdom that I seek
Is Thine; so let the way
That leads to it be Thine,
Else I must surely stray.
Take Thou my cup and it
With joy or sorrow fill,
As best to Thee may seem;
Choose Thou my good and ill.

3 Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength,
My Wisdom and my All.

431 8,7.

WHAT a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend as faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our Refuge,—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

432 C. M.

THE Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again:
And me to walk doth make
Within the path of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes,

My head Thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows,

5 Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

433 11s.

HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word;
What more can He say, than to you He hath said,
Who unto the Saviour for refuge have fled?

2 In every condition,—in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be.

3 Fear not, I am with thee, Oh, be not dismayed;
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid:
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

4 When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine

6 E'en down to old age my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love ;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

7 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes ;
That soul, though all Hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake !

434 6.4.

SAVIOUR ! I follow on,
Guided by Thee,
Seeing not yet the hand
That leadeth me ;
Hushed be my heart and still
Fear I no further ill,
Only to meet Thy will
My will shall be.

2 Riven the rock for me
Thirst to relieve,
Manna from heaven falls
Fresh every eve ;
Never a want severe
Causeth my eye a tear,
But Thou dost whisper near,
"Only believe !"

3 Often to Marah's brink
Have I been brought ;
Shrinking the cup to drink,
Help I have sought ;
And with the prayer's ascent,
Jesus the branch hath rent—
Quickly relief hath sent,
Sweetening the draught.

4 Saviour! I long to walk
  Closer with Thee;
Led by Thy guiding hand,
  Ever to be
Constantly near Thy side,
Quickened and purified,
Living for Him who died
  Freely for me!

435 5,5,8,8,5,5.

JESUS! be our Guide,
  As through life we glide;
Faithfully in our behaviour
May we follow Thee, dear Saviour:
Lead us by Thy hand
Through to Fatherland.

2 When the world is cold,
Let us to Thee hold;
When the cup of sorrow draining,
May we do so uncomplaining;
For through trials we
Find our way to Thee.

3 When affliction's smart
Anguishes the heart—
Though our life be woe and weakness;
Help us bear our cross in meekness;
May we keep in mind,
God's a Father kind.

4 Order Thou our ways,
Lord! through all our days;
Though our path be dark and cheerless,
Jesus with us, we'll be fearless;
Open, when life's o'er,
Lord! to us Thy door!

436 8,5.

LORD! 'tis not that I did choose Thee,
That could never be
For this heart would still refuse Thee,
Thou hast chosen me:
Hast from all the sin that stained me,
Washed and set me free;
And unto this end ordained me,—
That I live to Thee.

2 'Twas Thy sovereign mercy called me,
Taught my opening mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To Thy glories blind.
Now my heart owns none above Thee;
For Thy grace I thirst;
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,—
Thou didst love me first.

3 Praise the God of all creation,
For His boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation,
Priest enthroned above,
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
Him by whom we live;
Undivided adoration
To the Godhead give!

437 L. M.

O BLEST the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all;
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,
How poor, and dark, and void it were!

2 O blest that house where faith ye find,
And all within have set their mind,
To trust their God and serve Him still,
And do in all His holy will.

3 O blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need,
And weary not of care or cost:
To them and heaven shall none be lost.

4 Blest such a house, it prospers well,
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lot is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

5 Then here will I, and mine to-day
A solemn cov'nant make and say:
Though all the world forsake Thy Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord.

438 7, 6.

THE voice that breathed o'er Eden,
That earliest wedding day,
The primal marriage blessing,—
It hath not passed away.

2 Still in the pure espousal
Of Christian man and maid,
The Holy Three are with us,
The threefold grace is said.

3 Be present, awful Father,
To give away this bride,
As Eve Thou gav'st to Adam
Out of His own pierced side.

4 Be present, Son of Mary,
To join their loving hands,
As Thou didst bind two natures
In Thine eternal bands.

5 Be present, Holiest Spirit,
To bless them as they kneel,
As Thou for Christ the Bridegroom
The heavenly spouse dost seal.

6 O spread Thy pure wings o'er them,
Let no ill power find place,
When onward to Thine altar
Their hallowed path they trace,

7 To cast their crowns before Thee
In perfect sacrifice,
Till to the home of gladness
With Christ's own Bride they rise.

439 C. M.

THRICE happy souls, who, born of heaven,
While yet they sojourn here
Humbly begin their days with God,
And spend them in His fear.

2 Midst hourly cares may love present
Its incense to Thy throne:
And while the world our hands employs
Our hearts be Thine alone!

3 When to laborious duties called,
Or by temptation tried,
We'll seek the shelter of Thy wings,
And in Thy strength confide.

4 As different scenes of life arise,
Our grateful hearts would be
With Thee amid the social band,
In solitude with Thee.

5 At night we lean our weary heads
On Thy paternal breast,
And safely folded in Thine arms,
Resign our powers to rest.

6 In solid pure delights, like these,
Let all my days be passed;
Nor shall I then impatient wish,
Nor shall I fear the last.

440 7s. 6l.

SEEING I am Jesus' lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am
O'er my Shepherd kind and good,
Who provides me daily food,
And His lamb by name doth call,
For He knows and loves us all.

2 Guided by His gentle staff
Where the sunny pastures laugh,
I go in and out and feed,
Lacking nothing that I need;
When I thirst, my feet He brings
To the fresh and living springs.

3 Shall I not rejoice for this?
He is mine, and I am His:
And when these bright days are past,
Safely in His arms at last
He will bear me home to heaven;
Ah, what joy hath Jesus given!

441 7s.

LAMB of God, I look to Thee;
Thou shalt my Example be;
Thou art gentle, meek, and mild,
Thou wast once a little child.

2 Fain I would be as Thou art;
Give me Thy obedient beart.
Thou art pitiful and kind:
Let me have Thy loving mind.

3 Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
In Thy gracious hands I am.
Make me, Saviour, what Thou art,
Live Thyself within my heart.

4 I shall then show forth Thy praise,
Serve Thee all my happy days:

Then the world shall always see
Christ, the holy Child, in me.

XXI. PRAISE

442 7s.

SWELL the anthem, raise the song,
Praises to our God belong;
Saints and angels join to sing
Praises to the heavenly King.
Blessings from His liberal hand
Flow around this happy land:
Kept by Him, no foes annoy;
Peace and freedom we enjoy.

2 Here, beneath a virtuous sway
May we cheerfully obey;
Never feel oppression's rod,
Ever own and worship God.
Hark! the voice of nature sings
Praises to the King of kings;
Let us join the choral song,
And the grateful notes prolong.

443 C. M.

LORD! while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

2 Oh, guard our shores from every foe,
With peace our borders bless,
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.

3 Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth and Thee:
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

4 Here may religion, pure and mild,
Smile on our Sabbath hours;
And piety and virtue bless
The home of us and ours.

5 Lord of the nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend;
Be Thou her Refuge and her Trust,
Her everlasting Friend.

444 L. M.

O BLESS, Thou heavenly Potentate
With wisdom, strength, the powers of state,
That wrong and violence may cease,
And Church and home abide in peace.

2 Bless rich and poor, the great and small,
Both friend and foe; Lord, bless Thou all
The family on earth in love,
And fit all for Thy home above.

3 Thus, with Thy blessing on each hand,
Will peace and plenty fill the land,
And righteousness spring from the earth,
And life below have higher worth.

4 All praise to Thee, O King of kings,
Whose grace to us such blessing brings;
Thee, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, forevermore.

445 7s.

PRAISE to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous Source of every joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ,
For the blessings of the field,
For the stores the gardens yield;
For the fruits in full supply,
Ripened 'neath the summer sky;—

2 All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o'er the smiling land;
All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich, o'erflowing stores;
These to Thee, my God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these my soul shall raise
Grateful vows and solemn praise.

446 7s.6l.

WHAT our Father does is well:
Blessèd truth His children tell!
Though He send, for plenty, want,
Though the harvest-store be scant,
Yet we rest upon His love,
Seeking better things above.

2 What our Father does is well:
Shall the willful heart rebel
If a blessing He withhold
In the field, or in the fold?
Is He not Himself to be
All our Store eternally?

3 What our Father does is well:
Though He sadden hill and dell,
Upward yet our praises rise
For the strength His Word supplies.
He has called us sons of God;—
Can we murmur at His rod?

4 What our Father does is well:
May the thought within us dwell;
Though nor milk nor honey flow,
In our barren Canaan now,
God can save us in our need,
God can bless us, God can feed.

5 Therefore unto Him we rais e
Hymns of glory, songs of praise;
To the Father and the Son
And the Sprit, Three in One,
Honor might, and glory be,
Now and through eternity.

XXII. CROSS AND COMFORT.

447 11,10.

COME, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel,
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

2 Joy of the comfortless, light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure;
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying—
Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.

3 There see the Bread of life; see water flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;
Come to the feast of love: come ever knowing
Earth hath no sorrow but heaven can remove.

448 6,4

NEARER, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me,
Still all my songs shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

2 Nearer, my Lord, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee,
Who to Thy cross didst come
Dying for me!
Strengthen my willing feet!
Hold me in service sweet
Nearer, O Christ, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

3 Nearer, O Comforter,
Nearer to Thee!
Who with my loving Lord
Dwellest with me!
Grant me Thy fellowship!
Help me each day to keep
Nearer, my Guide, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!

4 But to be nearer still,
Bring me, O God!
Not by the visioned steeps
Angels have trod.
Here where Thy cross I see
Jesus, I wait for Thee,
Then evermore to be
Nearer to Thee!

XXIII. DEATH AND BURIAL.

449 C. M.

WHY do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms.

2 Are we not tending upward, too,
As fast as time can move?

Nor would we wish the hours more slow,
To keep us from our love.

3 Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
There the dear flesh of Jesus lay,
And scattered all the gloom.

4 The graves of all the saints He blessed,
And softened every bed;
Where should the dying members rest,
But with the dying Head?

5 Thence He arose, ascending high,
And showed our feet the way;
Up to the Lord we, too, shall fly
At the great rising-day.

6 Then let the last loud trumpet sound,
And bid our kindred rise,
Awake! ye nations under ground,
Ye saints! ascend the skies!

XXIV. ETERNITY.

450 C.M.

O PARADISE! O Paradise!
Who doth not crave for rest?
Who would not seek the happy land
Where they that loved are blest?

REF.—Where loyal hearts and true
Stand ever in the light,
All rapture through and through,
In God's most holy sight.

2 O Paradise! O Paradise!
The world is growing old;
Who would not be at rest, and free
Where love is never cold?
REF.—

3 O Paradise! O Paradise!
I greatly long to see
The special place my dearest Lord
In love prepares for me.
REF.—

4 Lord Jesus, King of Paradise,
Oh, keep me in Thy love,
And guide me to that happy land
Of perfect rest above!
REF.—

XXV. DOXOLOGIES.

1 S. M.

TO God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, One in Three,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall forever be.

2 C. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God, whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

3 L. M.

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

4 L. M. 6l.

TO GOD the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be glory in the highest given,
By all on earth, and all in heaven;
As was through ages heretofore,
Is now, and shall be evermore.

5 C. P. M.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven's triumphant host
And saints on earth adore;
Be glory, as in ages past,
And now it is, and so shall last,
When time shall be no more.

6 H. M.

TO God the Father, Son,
And Spirit ever blest,
Eternal Three in One,
All worship be addrest;
As heretofore | And shall be so
It was, is now, | For evermore.

7 7, 6.

TO Father, Son, and Spirit,
Eternal One and Three,
As was and is forever,
All praise and glory be.

8 6, 4.

TO God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, Three in One,
All praise be given:
Crown Him in every song;
To Him our hearts belong:
Let all His praise prolong
On earth, in heaven.

9 Trochaic. 7s.

HOLY Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Glory, as of old, to Thee
Now and evermore shall be.

10 7s.

PRAISE the Name of God most high;
Praise Him, all below the sky;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
As through countless ages past,
Evermore His praise shall last.

11 8, 7.

PRAISE the Father, earth and heaven,
Praise the Son, the Spirit praise;
As it was, and is, be given
Glory through eternal day.

12 8, 7.

PRAISE the God of all creation;
Praise the Father's boundless love;
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation,
Priest and King, enthroned above;
Praise the Fountain of salvation,
Him by whom our spirits live;
Undivided adoration
To the great Jehovah give.

13 8,7,4.7.

GREAT Jehovah we adore Thee,
God the Father, God the Son,
God the Spirit, joined in glory
On the same eternal throne;
Endless praises
To Jehovah, Three in One.

14 8, 7, 7.

GLORY be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Everlasting Three in One:
Thee let heaven and earth adore,
Now, henceforth, and evermore.

15 7, 6.

GLORY be to God most high,
Glory to the Saviour,
Glory to the Holy Ghost,
Now, henceforth, forever.

16 6, 5.

FATHER, Son, and Spirit
Endless one in Three,
Now, henceforth, forever,
Glory be to Thee.

17 Dactylic. 11s.

O FATHER Almighty, to Thee be addrest,
With Christ and the Spirit, one God ever blest,
All glory and worship from earth and from heaven;
As was, and is now, and shall ever be given.

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GLORY be to God the Father!
Glory be to God the Son!
Glory be to God the Spirit!
Great Jehovah, Three in One
Glory, glory,
While eternal ages run.

2 Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory,
To the Lamb that once was slain.

3 Glory to the King of angels!
Glory to the Church's King!
Glory to the King of nations!
Heaven and earth your praises bring;—
Glory, glory,
To the King of glory bring.

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